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Bereaved will face burial fee price rise

BURIAL and cremation fees will rise by up to 15 per cent under plans announced by cash-strapped Dudley Council as it battles to trim millions from its budgets.

Mourners in the borough could face the increase from April, if the proposals are approved.

It comes as the authority battles to save almost £60 million over the next three years.

Bosses said today the fees would still remain among the lowest in the Black Country and cash would be used to help with finding more land for burials.

They said every effort has been made to minimise the increases being proposed.

Under the plans, the cost of exclusive right of burial would rise from £1,400 to £1,610 for an earthen grave and from £1,573 to £1,809 for a bricked grave. These are increases of 12 and 15 per cent.

Cremation costs for an adult will increase by seven per cent from £607 to £650. And the cost of having additional chapel time, including an organ and organist, will go up from £118 to £126 per half hour.

The fee for a Woodland grave will go up from £325 to £374.

The proposals are due to be discussed at a meeting on Monday.

Drugs seized in town raid

DRUGS were seized during raids in Dudley town centre on Monday morning.

Around 30 officers swooped on three properties at Northgate House in High Street in Dudley and found a quantity of illegal drugs.

A 49-year-old Dudley man has since been charged with fraud by false representation and was bailed to appear before Dudley magistrates on January 7.

A 47-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of possessing a class A drug. She has been bailed pending further investigations.

WASTE SITE BOSS ASKS FOR MERCY

Babies goo-goo to the zoo



Delivering presents to Dudley Zoo's reindeer are senior keeper Adam Walker with three-month-old son Sebastian and assistant curator Richard Brown with two-year-old Archie and six-month-old Seth at the Castle Hill attraction

BABY'S first Christmas will definitely be remembered by the families of Seth Brown and Sebastian Walker.

Six-month-old Seth and Sebastian, aged three months, are the sons of two senior keepers at Dudley Zoo and will be spending their first yuletide on site watching their dads prepare Christmas lunch for 1,300 animals!

Assistant curator Richard Brown said: "December 25 means business as usual as the site's rare and exotic animals, which include Sumatran tigers, Bornean orangutans and Santa's reindeer, all needed to be fed and watered.

"Christmas Day is the only day of the

year the zoo is closed to visitors and the only time we really get to spend alone with the animals, so it's quite magical and both Adam and myself want to share that with our babies."

Early

Dads and lads will also include Richard's two-year-old son, Archie, who has promised to open his presents extra early on Christmas morning if he can accompany his father and brother to the zoo.

Festive duties across the zoo's 40-acre site are shared between staff, and those not on the rota call in with a few treats for their favourite charges.

Mr Walker said: "The animals do become extensions of our own families.

"We're lucky to work with some of the rarest animals in the world every single day.

The zoo keeper said: "It's special to spend some extra time with them when the zoo is so quiet before we head home to begin the festivities and tuck into our own Christmas dinners."

He added: "I'm sure we've started a tradition and when our boys are a few years older we will both be bringing them on site with us to deliver their own Christmas presents to the animals."

A WASTE firm boss who failed to meet a court deadline to clear a towering rubbish pile told a judge he had 'tried his utmost' to carry out the work.

Robert McNaughton is facing jail because thousands of tons of waste has not been removed from the site in Brierley Hill.

Mr McNaughton, who owns Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd, was appearing at Birmingham High Court for alleged contempt of court - put forward by the Environment Agency.

The agency brought the matter to court after Mr McNaughton breached an order to clear the site in Moor Street of rubbish by September 10.

Prison

During the hearing, Mr McNaughton also asked to be relieved from a prison sentence which will be activated on Monday, December 23, after he failed to meet orders made by the court to level rubbish at the site.

Mr Justice MacDuff heard estimates from the Environment Agency there was about 13,000 metres cubed of waste at the site. It is made up of soil and general biodegradable waste.

But Mr McNaughton said he could no longer comply with the orders to clear rubbish from the site.

The company is £694,000 in debt, with £641,000 owed to himself, he claimed.

Mr McNaughton said: "The September 10 deadline came and passed but I didn't walk away from it, and I didn't walk away from it in 2009."

He added: "I have tried my utmost, I have tried.

"Every penny I get I pushed into it."

But Mr Nicolas Cole, prosecuting on behalf of the Environment Agency, questioned him about his use of a Bentley Continental and Mercedes vehicle.

He claimed they are his father's vehicles.



Robert McNaughton

Mr Cole said: "Given the history of proceedings, this is yet another example at the final moment of seeking another way out.

"In respect of the application, I invite the court to find the contempt proved.

"I take a view that the stage of trying to comply has passed and had passed in June.

"Court orders are there to be obeyed, the authority of the court and use of court proceedings would be obligated if Mr McNaughton could say he cannot comply because he has no money."

On starting his verdict, Mr Justice MacDuff complained of feeling dizzy and faint.

The case has been adjourned until Monday.

Schools are back on top of the table

SCHOOL staff across Dudley have been thanked by the council's education chief for lifting the borough back to being the top performer in the Black Country.

The borough climbed 12 places to 106 out of 152 local authorities, according to tables released by the Department for Education.

It comes after the decision to record reading and writing results separately for the first time in headline statistics.

Maths

In Dudley last year 77 per cent of youngsters managed to achieve level 4 or above in English and maths. This year, 74 per cent of pupils managed at least the same level in all three Rs of reading, writing and maths.

The borough was the only one locally to see its writing marks match those its pupils managed in reading but fewer pupils managed the same results in maths.

Dudley is second only to Sandwell in the Black Country for the proportion of pupils attending a good or outstanding primary school. The figure is 72 per cent.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children, libraries and life-long learning, said: "I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Dudley who has contributed to the success of our schools."

Bus fares to go up by 10p

BUS fares in the West Midlands are going up 10p in the new year, it was confirmed this week.

National Express West Midlands will charge £2.10 for a single fare.

Weekly travel cards are also going up as are Daysaver tickets, although family day tickets are to be frozen as are student passes and some children's passes.

A child's single fare will go up from £1 to £1.05. Fares will also rise on the Midland Metro tram line from January 2.

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Tributes to former mayor who was a 'voice for the people'



Alderman Cyril Woodall

AN Honorary Alderman and former Mayor of Dudley with a political career spanning more than 30 years has died. Tributes have been made to former Dudley Councillor Cyril Woodall, 83.

Mr Woodall was mayor of the borough from 1990 to 1991 and was awarded the title of Honorary Alderman for his outstanding services to Dudley in 2006. He was awarded the MBE in 2007 for services to local government.

Councillor David Sparks, leader of the

council, said: "Cyril was a Labour stalwart having devoted his life to his trade union and the party."

Mr Woodall was first elected to the council in 1973 and was one of the founder members of education charity St Thomas' Network. He also served as deputy leader of the council and on the development control committee.

Councillor Shaikat Ali said: "Cyril was a great man and very passionate about St Thomas", and believed in

working to bring about fairness and justice. He was a strong voice for the people. He will be greatly missed."

Current Mayor Councillor Alan Finch, said: "Cyril served this borough and its people extremely well and leaves a very proud history."

Mr Woodall died on December 6. His funeral is at St Thomas' Church, Dudley, today, Thursday, from 1.45pm. The procession will drive past the Council House for people to pay their respects at 2.20pm.

Owner of starving horses in court

A HORSE owner has been warned he could face jail after four animals were left to starve and found in appalling conditions by the RSPCA.

The charity was alerted by two women who spotted the suffering horses in an acre-sized paddock off Manor Way in Halesowen.

Vets were called in and the horses were rated on their health. Not one of the four scored more than 0.5 out of five.

Appearing at Dudley Magistrates' Court, Dean Young, aged 34, faced a charge of causing unnecessary suffering to the animals.

Young, of Hilton Road in Tividale, pleaded guilty on the basis he accepted responsibility for three of the horses' plight.

The plea was not accepted by the prosecution but magistrates moved the case on as they said it would not make a difference to sentencing.

Thin

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA, said that inspector for the charity Paul Seddon visited the paddock and found the horses 'looking very thin'.

There was no hay in a food container and the grass in the field was short. When hay was provided, the horses quickly grazed.

Mrs Sutton said Young told RSPCA inspectors the horses had not seen a vet for a year.

All four horses were taken from the field and have since recovered.

Defending, Mr Harbinder Gahir said: "He accepts guilt for three of the horses but not the fourth one."

The charge covered the time period from January 30 to April 24 this year.

The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence report. Young is due to be sentenced at Dudley Magistrates' Court on January 9.

Karolina nails third

FORMER Halesowen College student Karolina Miszczak won a bronze award in the WorldSkills UK national beauty therapy competition at the NEC.

The 29-year-old, who studied nail technology at the college, clinched the award for advanced nail sculpting.

Cruel conman fleeced woman to pay debts

Star role for card design



McDonald's franchise holder Afia Sirkhot presents a framed copy of the winning card to Thomas Cole watched by, from left, McDonald's manager Sandra Hayward, parents Elizabeth and Tye Cole, and Halesowen Chronicle advertising supervisor Emma Parkes

TEN-YEAR-OLD Thomas Cole was the prize-winning pupil from a Halesowen school who came up with the design chosen for the Halesowen Chronicle official Christmas card.

Pupils at Manor Way Primary School were invited to submit festive designs for the card, giving readers a tough job of picking a favourite out of 48 drawings.

Fireplace

Thomas's design showing the Christmas star and Father Christmas making his arrival via the chimney fireplace came out tops with the Chronicle's readership.

Sponsor Afia Sirkhot, who owns the town's McDonald's franchise, presented the young winner with a framed copy of his Christmas card.

A gift of £50 was also given to the Brier Mill Road school.

The copies of the card will be provided for Thomas to send to friends and family.



The winning card design

IT started with an offer to tidy her garden for £80-a-day but soon developed into a cruel con trick that financially ruined a single mother caring for a disabled son.

The emotionally fragile 41-year-old, whose son required round-the-clock care, was in danger of being fleeced for up to £67,000 after being targeted and exploited by shameless flower seller Alan Nicholson. The 51-year-old from Birmingham admitted fraud by false representation at Wolverhampton Crown Court. He was jailed for 20 months.

His victim was paying £800 every month to the seemingly respectable Dudley market trader out of £1,100-a-month benefits she received for her 10-year-old.

Gambling

He had befriended her but then took money from her to pay gambling debts - despite having almost £30,000 in the bank and a £180,000 house without a mortgage.

The vulnerable victim, who lives in Dudley, logged the payments in a child's exercise book under the heading 'paying Alan' after being bamboozled into believing she still owed £45,145 to Nicholson, despite having paid around £21,000 for light gardening and decorating jobs he did at her home - later valued at no more than £6,800.

The woman was tricked into believing it was the result of a massive tax bill she was liable for because she paid cash-in-hand for the jobs.

She calculated that the 'debt' would be paid by February 2016 but Nicholson later admitted it could have continued indefinitely since he was adding hundreds of pounds to the total whenever he hit a losing streak. The paperwork revealed the woman had paid an estimated £21,600 by July 2011 in an 'arrangement' that would have seen him pocket at least £47,000 more by 2016.

His victim finally revealed the situation to a housing



Alan Nicholson - debts

officer but when the official promised to have the matter investigated the woman was too frightened to co-operate. She was terrified of Nicholson, who she knew as a 'white van man named Alan'.

Her revelation was passed to the Adult Safeguarding team at Dudley Council, working with Dudley Trading Standards. An official explained: "This enabled the authorities to act quickly to protect the victim from further financial abuse."

Dudley Trading Standards officers supported by police, arrested Nicholson at his flower stall on July 7, 2011. He was immediately banned from the market.

He had no receipts for any of the alleged work he had done for the woman.

Father-of-three Nicholson, of Kingsbury Road, Erdington, who had no previous convictions, was liked by many. He was said to be ashamed and to be planning to remortgage his home to pay his victim back.

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Public are now asked to keep a cab watch

REVIEWS of taxi drivers and firms could be published online under plans being considered by council bosses.

Proposals to set up a customer feedback scheme in Dudley have been drawn up.

It would allow people to score the service they received and also answer questions on whether the driver was licensed by the council and had the correct signs.

Phone

They would also be to say whether they used a mobile phone while driving or used a taxi meter and whether the fare quoted was the same as the one charged at the end of the journey.

The proposals have been put forward by chairman of the taxi committee Councillor Richard Body. They were being considered by members yesterday.

A report, which will go before councillors, says: "The feedback scheme will put the emphasis on compliance of good driver practice."

"It is suggested that any driver receiving poor customer reviews will alert the taxi base owner that a driver may not be achieving high standards of professionalism which in turn may affect the owner's business."

"This may lead to a higher level of self-policing of poor drivers."

■ Taxi colour U-turn – see page 14

Politician in cycle accident

A BLACK Country MP was knocked unconscious and taken to hospital after coming off his bike.

Ian Austin, who is co-chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Cycling Group, was on his bicycle in Broad Street, Kingswinford, when the accident happened. The 48-year-old MP for Dudley North has no memory of the incident but wants to thank medical staff and the woman who called an ambulance.

He spent about eight hours in the accident and emergency department at Russells Hall Hospital. The father-of-three said: "The nurse asked me if I knew what day or year it was and I couldn't answer properly. Then she asked what I do for a living. When I said I was an MP, I think they thought I really was in trouble."

Crystal Gateway sets standards for care



Dudley Mayor Councillor Alan Finch opens the centre

THE first stage of a £1.6 million project to revamp two day centres to help them better serve the needs of residents with dementia have finished.

Brettell Lane Day Centre in Stourbridge has been refurbished and redecorated to improve the facilities.

It has been turned into a Dementia Gateway by Dudley Council to meet the specific needs of people with dementia. It has been renamed the Crystal Gateway, reflecting the area's links with the glass industry.

The centre now boasts facilities including a relaxing sensory room, themed 1970s and 1980s rooms and a dementia-friendly garden, including a designated circuit walk.

Councillor Dave Branwood, cabinet

member for adult and community services, said: "The facilities that the newly refurbished Crystal gateway has on offer to meet the needs of people with dementia in a very personalised way are fantastic."

Proud

"I am extremely proud that here in Dudley we are leading the way nationally in terms of dementia provision. This has been recognised by government and our dementia gateway service has been held up as a model to follow."

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch paid a visit to the centre in Brettell Lane to mark the completion of the work, which cost around £960,000, by

cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony. He presented Ivy Tomkins, who attends the dementia gateway, with an engraved crystal vase for winning the competition to name the centre.

It is estimated that around 3,850 people in the borough are affected by the condition.

The second stage of the project will start early next year, with the overhaul of the Brett Young Day Centre in Halesowen. The cost of work at the centre in Old Hawne Lane will be £650,000.

The dementia gateways offer a wide range of day sessions and therapies, from crafts and memory exercises to gardening.

Staff also run activities to provide a break for family and carers.

Bottle bombmaker is jailed for three years

New bishop is the youngest



The new Bishop of Dudley, the founder Wendy Fryatt and Jen Coleman during a visit to the Halesowen Food Bank at Little Cornbow Bank in Halesowen during a tour of the area.

Mr Usher, who is married to Rachel, a GP, will be ordained as bishop at St Paul's Cathedral on March 25 before beginning his ministry with the Diocese of Worcester after Easter.

His children are Chad, 13, and Olivia, 11, and he enjoys hill walking, drawing and writing.

He was ordained in 1996 and is currently rector and lecturer at Hexham Abbey, in the Diocese of Newcastle.

Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Rev Dr

A BOMBMAKER from Dudley who made crude explosives using fireworks and gunpowder has been jailed for more than three years.

Police found a vodka bottle containing black powder, tissue paper and a fuse when they searched Liam Hedley's flat in Wolverhampton. The one-litre bottle, which also had three fireworks strapped to it using cable ties, was found in a rucksack at the foot of a bed, the court heard.

Officers also discovered a second device by a television, a glass jar with a fuse and containing a 'low explosive composition' and a compound similar to one found in commercial fireworks.

Reckless

Screws, ball bearings and latex gloves were also found in the bedsit, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last week.

Ms Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said tests showed both devices were capable of exploding and causing injury.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said his client had 'a reckless curiosity' but 'little awareness of the potential for harm'.

Hedley, 28, was arrested August 29 over an unrelated matter that did not lead to criminal proceedings.

But while being questioned concerns were raised, triggering the police search at his home.

Hedley pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to two charges of having an illegal explosive substance.

The first related to gunpowder and the other to a low quantity explosive composition.

His pleas were made on the basis that he made both



Liam Hedley – bottle bomb

devices but did not know what he was going to do with them, which was accepted by the prosecution.

Sentencing Hedley, Judge John Warner said: "However one looks at what you did, it remains the fact that you have made, for whatever reason, and kept dangerous items – the existence of which in themselves creates a potential hazard to others."

Hedley was sentenced to three years for each of the charges, to run concurrently, plus two months for breaching a suspended sentence.

NEWS

in brief

Terror suspect is kept in custody

AN unemployed man has been remanded in custody after appearing in court charged with possessing a terrorist publication.

Usman Hussain Choudhary, aged 33, from Terry Road, Dudley, was arrested on Thursday by officers from the West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit.

He faces two charges relating to the distribution of a terrorist publication. He was remanded in custody to appear at London's Old Bailey on December 20.

Town bus lane is to be open to all

A MAIN route through Dudley town centre will be opened up to all traffic for the first time in 12 years as part of regeneration plans.

The proposal to open King Street to through traffic will cost up to £500,000 – but council bosses say it will help both motorists and businesses along the road outside the Churchills shopping precinct.

At the moment only buses and taxis can use the route.

Fizzog take comic look at the movies

POPULAR Black Country comedy trio Fizzog – Deb Nicholls, Sue Hawkins, and Jacky Fellows, from Stourbridge, Wordsley and Wombourne respectively – have donned wacky outfits for their own calendar based on famous movies – and stripped off for a couple of risqué poses.

In American Beauties, their modesty is protected merely by cabbage leaves, rather than rose petals like in scenes from Oscar-winning American Beauty.

Market closes on four festive days

DUDLEY Market is open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 4pm throughout the festive period but will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, December 27 and New Year's Day. The market will close earlier than normal on December 24 and December 31.

Fresh start at flat

VULNERABLE young people will get the chance to make a fresh start thanks to a makeover for a two-bedroomed flat. A team from insurance brokers Hettle Andrews gave their time to decorate a flat in Wollaston for the Living Springs charity.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



FROM this week's report on plump schoolchildren, we learn that a trustee of the National Obesity Forum is a Mr Fry.

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THE official version of the Mandela story, parroted unquestioningly by the Western media, is that he was adored by all his people and that he created a free and equal South Africa committed to democracy. So why were there tens of thousands of empty seats at the FNB football stadium on Tuesday? And why did the crowd stand and cheer that bloody-handed old land-grabber and vote-rigger, Robert Mugabe? You might easily form the opinion that now the national father-figure with his message of forgiveness and reconciliation has passed on, some South Africans are itching to try Conrade Mugabe's policy of simply grabbing the white man's riches.

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I THOUGHT at the time that the chap doing the deaf sign language at the Mandela memorial ceremony looked a bit worried. Now we learn that Thamsanqa Jantjie's "signing" was gibberish. It makes me wonder how much of the signing we see on British telly is 100 per cent accurate. They do seem to cram an awful lot of words into one or two hand gestures. You know the sort of thing. The newsreader says: "Prime Minister David Cameron and Foreign Secretary William Hague today returned from a five day conference on science and technology in Uzbekistan" and in the corner of your screen, the signer puts up three fingers, touches his nose and tweaks his ear. So which bit of that was "Uzbekistan"?

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IF I enter a mosque I remove my shoes. If I go into a synagogue I cover my head with a kippa. When you enter the premises of another faith or culture, it is common courtesy to respect their ways. And when extremist religious speakers enter British universities they should accept the customs of their hosts. But Universities UK seriously suggests that audiences might be segregated, with men and women sitting apart, if a fundamentalist speaker requested it. UUK which bills itself as "the definitive voice for universities in the UK," should be ashamed of itself. Apartheid was demolished in South Africa and segregation was defeated in the States. The idea of reintroducing something similar in British universities to placate some sexually-confused throwbacks who'd be happier living in the 7th century is revolting.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Baggies players cheer up children during festive visit to the wards

IT WAS a Christmas present to remember when young patients got to meet their footballing heroes during a hospital visit.

Baggies stars were the guests of honour at Sandwell General Hospital as they dropped in to deliver presents and spread some Christmas cheer.

Children at the hospital in West Bromwich were surprised when seven of the club's first team players walked through the doors of the ward to hand out gifts.

They were joined by West Bromwich Albion's two mascots, Baggie Bird and Albi, who joined the players in getting photographs with the excited youngsters and their families.

Difference

First to receive a gift from the squad was Destiny Hill, aged 11 from Tipton, who was joined by her mother Zoe Hill, 33, and her 62-year-old grandmother Vicky Bates, from Blackheath.

Her mother said: "I think it's really great what they do. It makes such a difference to their day."

The young patient added: "I really enjoyed meeting the players. I'm really looking forward to Christmas."

Striker Shane Long met Rajbir Kaur, 28 from Edgbaston, who was with her two-year-old son Harman Singh. She said: "It was really exciting to meet the



Nine-year-old Harry Hawks, from Oldbury, meets West Bromwich Albion stars at Sandwell General Hospital

players. He is a little too young to understand what's going on, but he will enjoy the drum they gave him."

The Baggies stars have visited the hospital for 10 years in a row and will also be dropping in at Russells Hall in Dudley.

Players including Billy Jones, Claudio Jacob and Boaz Myhill handed out a variety of gifts including craft sets, musical instruments and signed posters.

"The hospital visits are arranged by the club each year and the lads fully support them," said skipper Chris Brunt. "Like me, a lot of the lads have got children

of their own and know how tough it must be to be in hospital at this time of year.

"If we can go anywhere and help someone who's not having a great time, it's our job to do so and we're more than happy to do it."

Centre-half Jonas Olsson added: "Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces makes you smile as well. It's an emotional experience but if we contribute a bit of Christmas joy, it makes you feel good about yourself."

Hannah Smallman, 32, was at the hospital with her 19-month-old son Jacob and her Baggies-mad partner, Darren Floyd, 33. Miss

Smallman, from Kinver, said: "I heard they would be coming down and I told all my relatives I might get a chance to meet them but none of them believed me."

Mr Floyd added: "It's really brightened up our day."

Brunt, Olsson and Ben Foster gave a gift to Harry Hawks, nine, who was being visited by his father Daniel Hawks, who had travelled from the Isle of Wight. The 34-year-old said: "He's had a lovely time meeting the players."

The players even had a chance to kick the ball around with two-year-old Taylee Huckfield, who was

in the full baggies kit for the visit. His grandfather Barry Shermer said: "I've been supporting the team all my life. It's good for the children to get to meet them all and create the next generation of Baggies fans."

Players signed the back of his kit so he would have something to remember.

His mother Danielle Huckfield, 29 from West Bromwich, added: "The whole family are massive Baggies fans, so it's a dream come."

Staff also had a chance to meet their favourite players. Joanne Maher, Play Worker at Sandwell Hospital, said:



Chris Brunt with Tyresse Liburd, seven

"It really makes the children's day a lot better and brings some smiles to children who may be feeling down at this time of the year."

West Bromwich Albion Chief Executive, Mark Jenkins, said: "The Christmas visits to two of our nearest hospitals are part of our ongoing community work and something we take great pride in. The players are always warmly received and these visits help to boost the morale of the young patients and their families during what is an extremely difficult time of year to be in hospital."

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Countdown king Glen in semi-final on his return to top TV brainteaser

AS A fresh-faced 17-year-old he got through to the quarter finals of Countdown. Now, 21 years later, Glen Webb is back for another crack at the title after an impressive run of nine consecutive victories put him into today's semi-final.

The financial planner from Cradley Heath scored an astonishing 141 points out of a possible 145 in the fifth show of his stint – the highest score ever achieved in a heat game and third highest score in Countdown history.

The feat helped the 39-year-old seal his second appearance in the last eight of the show, having first appeared on the programme whilst a banking student in 1992.

On his return this year, Glen notched up a score of 945 in eight games, notably the highest octototal when not all of the games were a century or higher. He also became the first contestant to have qualified for the finals of multiple series.

Prepared

Following his 107-45 victory over Jonathan Liew in the quarter-final, Glenn faces Callum Todd in today's semi-final.

And the self-confessed word and number addict said he was better prepared for the challenge this time around.

"Countdown was a show I had always loved growing up, and eventually the chance came to audition in Birmingham I just went for it," said Glen, who works for English Mutual in Worcester. "I used to play Scrabble against my dad as a kid and I always had a bit of a knack for words."

"But as it turned out the competition was perhaps a little tougher than I expected and I ended up winning two games before getting knocked out in the quarter final. But I did get to meet the late, great, legendary cricket commentator Brian Johnston who was guest on the show."

Glen, who lives in Sandwell Grove, said his desire to set the record straight had been scuppered by Countdown rules which prevented contestants from

entering the show twice. But in an effort to maximise the quality of the competitors the regulation was recently relaxed, meaning his two decade wait for redemption was finally over.

At the end of last year he took voluntary redundancy from his job as a financial advisor at Halifax Bank, freeing up his time for an all-out assault on the crown and allowing him to spend six months practising between two and three hours a day.

So how exactly does a Countdown hopeful learn how to pluck a nine-letter word out of a sea of vowels and consonants?

"It is about constant practice," said Glen, a lifelong West Bromwich Albion fan.

"To excel at Countdown you need to master uncommon words that feature common letters, which means watching the game on TV, playing online and even reading the dictionary to look for unusual words."

"Of course an excellent memory also helps."

Like seven of the eight finalists in the current series Glen is a member of apterous.org, an online Countdown community where players can face-off against each other as well as practising word and number puzzles.

Glen said the fruits of his labour came to the fore in his record breaking 141-point tally during Game Five of this series.

"I managed to get two nine-letter words during the round but I was particularly pleased with 'loniceras' which I had only learned a few weeks prior to filming."

"I had eight letters of the word already formed in my head before my opponent picked the final 'O', so to land that gave me a real buzz."

"In the previous show I only scored 91 points and missed an easy conundrum, so to get 141 was really special."

Loniceras, which of course refers to plants of a genus comprising of the honeysuckles, was one of five nine-letter words Glen picked out during the eight-game run that landed him the prestigious title 'Octochamp'. His other maximums in this series were 'relations', 'dithering', 'sabotaged' and 'notarizes'.



Glen Webb, of Cradley Heath, attempts another puzzle . . .



. . . and comes up with 'loniceras', the Latin for honeysuckle



Glen Webb with guest Helen Skelton and co-presenter Rachel Riley



Young Glen on Countdown in 1992 with the original team

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MOST bizarre story of the last week comes courtesy of Birmingham City Council, which will in future be requiring buskers to go through an audition process before they are allowed to ply their trade outside Snow Hill station.

I can see where the good burghers of Brum are coming from. I once worked in an office where the summer months meant a daily choice between stifling humidity, or opening a window directly above the wailing banshees on the street below. Usually we opted for stifling humidity, air fresheners were cheaper than earplugs.

But since when did local government become a leading authority on musical talent? You can imagine them now, all sat around the committee room table, sucking on their spectacles.

"Councillor Benson, you've got the high-waisted trousers, you can be Simon Cowell. Mr Jackson, you've done a few shifts on hospital radio, you're Louis Walsh."

"Oh, and Betty. You're good with the tea and biscuits, and your old man's a driving instructor, isn't he? Do you fancy being that bird with the funny name?"

"Great, all sorted. So tell us Mr Millichip, why are you here?"

HEARTWARMING tale about the 97-year-old Sid Ratcliffe, who married 90-year-old Iris Law at Wolverhampton Register Office last week.

There are probably cynics around who will say that the age gap is too big, and that Sid was looking for a young trophy wife. But wisely, the couple have been courting since 2001, so they haven't rushed into it.

You know they must have something special when they can bring a smile to the face of even a curmudgeonly old cynic like myself. Can't wait for the golden wedding.

THE report about the maggots at the doctor's surgery in Nottingham is horrifying, but equally I do think we place far too much emphasis on the fabric of buildings when it comes to the NHS.

Years ago, when I went to my GP, it would be in a small, slightly shabby surgery, where you could get an appointment in the evening, and you stood a good chance of seeing the same doctor every time you went.

Then along came a spot of the fabled 'investment', and the old surgery made way for a shiny new mini-clinic with a spacious waiting room, baby-changing facilities, specialist treatment rooms and around 20 staff. Last time I tried to make an appointment I was told it would have to be the following week – and I had no idea who I would see. I think I preferred things the way they were.

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Father Christmas greets Oliver Marple at the Birches Valley grotto in Rugeley



Santa, Lisa Walker and daughter Tahliya, aged two, in the Merry Hill grotto



Betty Green, aged six, meets Santa in his grotto at Sandwell Park Farm



Harry, three and Abigail, nine, Cyster meet Santa at the Victorian Arcade

It's a lotta grotto fun as children enjoy Santa visit

NOTHING says Christmas quite like a trip to Santa's grotto. Excited youngsters flock to see Father Christmas and tell him exactly what they want on the big day.

Increasing numbers of attractions across now offer their own Santa's grottos.

Some, like at Staffordshire's Shugborough Hall, are so popular that tickets to see Santa sell out weeks in advance. Others see queues build up of youngsters eager to pass on their wish lists.

For children, it is often one of the highlights of the festive period.

Some grottos offer youngsters a small memento of their visit, while others give children the chance to have their pictures taken with the man in the red suit.

Shops and department stores first started offering their own grottos more than a century ago.

The tradition of Santa making special appearances at department stores and shopping centres in the run up to Christmas was started by James Edgar who introduced it in 1890 to his Massachusetts department store.

Glimpse

The practice was first seen in Great Britain in 1879 before spreading the following year to Australia and America.

It is believed the first ever department store Christmas grotto was in Liverpool at the Lewis's Bon Marche store, which opened as 'Christmas Fairyland' in 1879.

Today, it is commonplace for department stores to have their own grottos.

Set within the 11th century Dudley Castle, a visit to the grotto at the town's zoo also includes a glimpse inside Sleeping Beauty's Palace.

Before meeting Father Christmas, children can look around the castle, which has been transformed with an animal forest, an antique spinning wheel and Princess Beauty asleep in a bed. Visitors are greeted by an elf before being taken into a warm room to meet the big man and receive a special gift.

Following the visit, families can view a glow in the dark puppet show before seeing the zoo's many animals.

Among the visitors so far are pupils and teachers from Lightwoods Primary



Santa in the grotto at Dudley Zoo and Castle with Lightwoods Primary pupils



At the Mander Centre grotto are Shayla-Mai Bratt, aged two, and dad John

School in Oldbury. Reception teacher Sarah Cawtheray said: "I think it is a great grotto for the children to visit and get presents to take home."

Youngsters can sit alongside Santa on a small chair while they make their wishlist, or on request, can sit on his lap to have their pictures taken.

The grotto is open from 10am to 3.30pm every day. Tickets are purchased for 30-minute time slots. For children, it costs £9.50. For adults, it is £6.50.

A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £28.

At Merry Hill, the adventure takes

£4.95 per child and £12 for two adults with two children.

The children's fee includes a 50p charity donation to 'Help Harry Help Others'. The grotto is open on Saturdays from 10am to 7pm; Sundays from 10.30am to 5pm; weekdays until December 18 from 10am to 8pm; December 19, 20, 21 and 23 from 10am to 9pm and Christmas Eve from 9am to 5pm.

A wooden chalet-style grotto at Wolverhampton's Mander Centre is nestled on the bottom floor of the shopping centre. Among those who queued to pay him a visit was eight-year-old Blade Wrahton, who said: "Santa was really nice. I give it 10 out of 10."

Santa charges £4.25 for a present, £4 for a photo and £8 for a present and photo.

Set in the picturesque Cannock Chase, this grotto offers an authentic woodland.

Young children are given a Christmas tree sapling to plant as well as a soft toy. Reindeer can also be found close by, grazing in their forest enclosure.

Reindeer

Angela Marple, who took sons Oliver and Joshua along with husband Nathan said: "We think it is the best grotto in the Midlands. It looks a bit like Lapland without the snow."

Entry costs £6 per child and on Friday from 4pm to 7pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

A wintery wonderland of penguins, polar bears and reindeer greet visitors to Santa's grotto at Sandwell Park Farm.

One of the first things children spy is a sleigh, which leads into Santa's workshop where they can meet the man himself and receive a gift.

Entry costs £6 on top of the normal £1.90 admission fee for adults and £1.40 for children. The grotto is open every weekend until December 22 from 10am to 4.30pm. Group bookings are available by calling 0121 553 0220.

Father Christmas sits on a huge gold-coloured chair as he greets children at the Victorian Arcade in Bradford Street, Walsall. An empty unit at the shopping centre has been transformed into a festive wonderland, with decorations and stockings lining the walls.

The Winter Wonderland is located between The Works and Acorns Charity Shop. Entry is £2.50 per child.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

WOLVERHAMPTON Grand Theatre had welcomed 80,000 people through its doors since the three months since it reopened. Chairman of the theatre board Geoffrey Norman said it had helped bring people into the city centre at night, and dispelled the myth that it was a 'no-go' area after dark.

A VICAR scrapped most of the Christmas celebrations at his church in protest at the modern trappings of the festive season. Christ Church in Lye would have no Nativity play or carol service, announced vicar Rev Graham Cooper, instead focusing on special New Year's Day services.

MEANWHILE, Father Christmas nearly failed to turn up for a function at an old people's home in Oldbury because a bus driver left him stranded.

1993...

BRITISH Prime Minister John Major and his fire counterpart Albert Reynolds were on the brink of signing an historic declaration designed to bring peace to Northern Ireland. The agreement would pave the way for Sinn Féin being allowed to take part in talks on the future of Ulster – to the fury of many Unionists.

THREE Britons were freed from prison by Saddam Hussein following the intervention of former prime minister Sir Edward Heath. The men had been given long sentences for illegally entering Iraq, but the British Government insisted no deals had been done to secure their release.

THE threat of fascism hung over Russia after the far-right Liberal Democrats achieved the biggest share of the vote in the parliamentary elections, taking 70 seats.

2003...

DEPOSED Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was finally captured by US forces after eight months on the run. The dishevelled-looking dictator was shown on television, sporting a long, grey beard, but was said to be in good health. Saddam had not been seen since the invasion led by British and American forces in April.

THE jury in the Soham murder trial was sent out to consider its verdict. Ian Huntley, a 29-year-old school caretaker, denied murdering 10-year-olds Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman. His fiancée, Maxine Carr, a 26-year-old classroom assistant, denied conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

VETERAN rocker Mick Jagger was at Buckingham Palace to receive his knighthood – but in the true spirit of rock 'n' roll rebellion, he wore trainers with his lounge suit.

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GRANGE 'E' GUILD

GRANGE 'E' Guild held their Christmas party at Grange Court, Prescott Road, Stourbridge on December 3.

Chairman Hazel Smith read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved and signed.

A warm welcome was given to guests from the Federation, Margaret Tew and Hazel Butt and also to Oldswinford and Norton Guild members.

A hot meal was served with a choice of lasagne or chicken chasseur followed by a selection of desserts all prepared and served by the guild committee.

Following the meal the raffle was drawn and several ladies won prizes.

Entertainment was provided by local husband and wife team, John and Eve Evans and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tea, coffee and a warm mince pie were served during their performance. A vote of thanks was given by the chairman.

Margaret Tew thanked the Grange guild committee and their members for their invitation to a very good evening.

The next meeting will be held at Grange Court on February 4 when guild member Jackie Hill will hold a quiz night.

The guild will be recruiting for new members for 2014/2015. Contact Secretary Jean Williams on 01384 832439.

Auctioneer gives a talk to meeting



Mark Hannam was guest speaker

PENN TOWNSWOMEN

IN November, the Gardening Group visited Hollybush Garden Centre and enjoyed a Christmas lunch with the chance to buy gifts, plants and decorations afterwards.

After the business was conducted, the main speaker was Mark Hannam, from Fielding's Auctioneers in Stourbridge. He had been on "Flog It" on several occasions and as Fielding's holds specialist collection auctions he was involved in the "Michael Jackson" items for sale recently.

Other specialist auctions include Clarice Clift, Moorcroft and Stourbridge glass together with valuable items that may turn up when Mr Hannam values the contents of houses for probate purposes.

Social Studies evening was "A brief History of Telford" or "2,000 years in 60 minutes" by Richard Bifield. It was a most interesting talk.

He said Wellington had had a market for 700 years, Wroxeter near Ironbridge is the largest Roman town to be excavated. Buildwas Abbey dates back to 1200 and Priorslee Hall is another old building. Back-to-back houses were first built in Madeley, while 1709 saw the start of the Industrial Revolution in Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge.

On January 8, Robin Hill will give a talk on the working countryside, while the title of Cas Bailey's January 22 talk is 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen'.

Meetings are held at Penn United Community Hall, Penn Road at 7.15pm.

Pennants are exchanged

SANDWELL LIONS

Lions District 105 are donating water filters to the Philippines. A donation of £200 is also to be sent from Sandwell Lions Club.

Sandwell Lions organised a tin shake for the 'Poppy

Appeal' and around £700 was raised. A recent dinner/dance in conjunction with Handsworth Lions raised £3,600 to be sent to aid flood victims in India.

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Festive send-off for two leaders of charity group



A fond farewell – Ron Dalton and Geoff Hill who are retiring from their roles at Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen 'THEY will be a very hard act to follow' – that's just one of the tributes given to veterans stepping down from their roles at a charity running day centres for older people.

Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen gave a fond farewell to Ron Dalton, who has been chairman for 20 years, and director Geoff Hill at an event.

Mince pies and mulled wine were served during the festive occasion which was attended by volunteers,

charity users and Stourbridge MP Margot James.

Mr Dalton, 78, said he had enjoyed his time as chairman but said the 'time was right' to make way for someone with fresh ideas to take the good cause into the future. Councillor Ken Turner has now taken over the role.

Devoting

Mr Hill, who owns the electrical superstore in Amblecote High Street and is a well-known charity worker, said he would now be devoting his energies to his own charitable trust.

He became a director of the charity around 10 years ago after working with the Mary Stevens Hospice.

The retirement event tied in with switching-on of the charity's Memory Tree.

Mr Dalton, of Sutton Coldfield, said: "When I first took over as chairman we had £4,000, a couple of old bangers for vehicles and a temporary building. Now we have the Elton Centre."

Councillor Turner said: "They will be a very hard act to follow."

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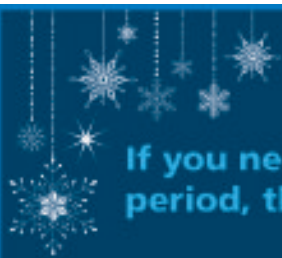
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Restoration or bus-t as GEA 174 gets new lease of life



The bus in service when it was running during 1952 in West Bromwich



Empty shell – the vehicle just before its restoration



Gordon Ibbotson who worked on the restoration on the bus with curator Janet Small

by **Adrew Turton**

IT HAS been a 20-year labour of love. But for transport enthusiasts, the efforts to restore an old double-decker bus have been worth it.

And now volunteers are ready to hop on board to showcase their work to visitors to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.

A £40,000 restoration project has been carried out by members of the transport group at the museum to give the bus a new lease of life.

The team will be proudly relaunching the GEA174 double-decker bus which was originally bought by West Bromwich Corporation in 1952 as part of a fleet of 20 before the local transport system was taken into private hands.

The bus was used on the route 74 between Birmingham, West Bromwich and Dudley, but it was withdrawn in 1969.

The vehicle was then donated to Dudley Libraries and was kept stored in the former Midland Red garage in Wolverhampton.

In the museum's early years it was used to collect items – including Emile Doo's chemist from Netherton which now stands proudly on the museum's Canal Street.

Permanently

By 1980 bus GEA 174 had moved permanently to the museum but as a kit broken into parts after a series of unsuccessful restoration attempts.

Now, with funds raised by the group and particularly a bequest from Arthur Whitehouse, and a team led by Gordon Ibbotson, the bus has been restored to its glory days and is ready to take on a new generation of passengers.

There has been a full engine refurbishment, the brakes have been overhauled, side panels have been replaced along with the flooring and replacement window.

The radiator, which had several holes, has also been repaired and re-chromed and the exhaust has been replaced to get the bus back on the road again.

Janet Small, who is the curator for industry and transport at the museum, said: "Creating the moquette for the seats was a painstaking process but it was all worth it."

"It was made by Holdsworth in Meltham, Derbyshire; the same company that created the leather trimming for the seats, in the same colour used in the Triumph Stag."

Finally, the bus was brush painted and transfers made and applied in-house to give it a finished off look for visitors to enjoy.

The costs were paid for by funds raised by the group and with the support of local companies offering discounts or not charging for small fixings.

The restored bus will now be taken out to a number of shows in the future as well as being used in order to help promote the museum.

Mr Ibbotson added: "It has been a true team effort with members of the Transport Group and many others contributing at each stage of the long restoration."

The restored bus GEA 174 can be seen by visitors to the museum on Transport Group days, usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For more information about the bus and the museum then visit www.bclm.co.uk.



Gordon Ibbotson who has worked on the restoration of the 1950s bus

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Magic numbers for Anneliese



Parents Jack Lambert and Cindy Richards, of California Road, Tividale, with Anneliese Clare Lambert – born weighing 8 lbs at 9:10 pm on 11-12-13

ANNELIESE Clare Lambert definitely has a way with numbers.

When the baby girl made her arrival into the world it was perfectly timed. She was born weighing just over 8lbs, at 9.10pm on December 11, 2013, so she has the numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 in numerical order associated with her birth.

Although they were aware of the significance of the date, proud parents Cindy Richards and Jack Lambert from Tividale did not realise what had happened at first until a midwife pointed out her time of arrival and sequence of the numbers.

Lottery

Anneliese who was born at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, has a five-year-old brother Tyler and a four-year-old sister Tiffanie, who are delighted to have a younger sister.

Their proud grandmother Barbara King, of Walsall, said she was shocked when she found out the number sequence: "It was amazing when we realised, I couldn't believe it. What are the chances of that happening?"

"I'm going to use the numbers as lottery numbers because they must be lucky."

"Anneliese is lovely, she's a little bruiser," she said.

The newborn's date of birth was also special because December 11 2013 or 11/12/13 was the last date this century with three consecutive numbers.

There are only a handful of them every 100 years making them extra special for anyone born on those days.

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in brief**Seven dwarfs get chop from panto**

A TRIO of actors have conquered a numbers problem in their production of Snow White by deleting the roles of the seven dwarfs. Under a storyline adapted by The Funtime Theatre for the classic pantomime, the seven characters have been captured by the Wicked Queen.

"It is the only way we can perform the pantomime with so few people," said actor Rachel Coleman, a former High Areal School student who set the company up with fellow actor Will Phillips. James Totney will also feature in their panto performance, which takes place at the Wacky Warehouse at the One and Two Halves in Joseph Street, Oldbury on Sunday at 3pm.

Carol singing in the town centre

ON SATURDAY morning Christians from the Churches Together in Halesowen will be gathering at 11am in Somers Square in Halesowen town centre to celebrate Christmas with carol singing and Bible readings to remind shoppers about the real meaning of Christmas.

Helpline to close for festive period

A SERVICE providing lifts for people needing help to get to medical and dental appointments has announced its festive period closing times.

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Taxi drivers force a U-turn over white car colour rule

TAXI drivers are celebrating a 'landmark victory' after overturning a rule forcing them to use only white-coloured private hire cabs.

Dudley Council brought in the regulation for the single colour scheme to improve safety for residents in 2006 but the move has proved unpopular with the drivers.

They have campaigned against the regulation, claiming the rising cost of white-coloured cars was putting them out of business.

Crooks' cash will help to fight crime

CASH seized from criminals is being ploughed back into the community with more than £91,000 going to groups and initiatives.

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Schemes to receive money include a £13,000 retail radio digital upgrade for Dudley town centre and £10,000 for mobile phone bungee cords for distribution by officers at events in Wolverhampton, where there have been reported thefts.

The Haven Refuge has been awarded more than £1,000 to support its youth provision on a Welsh farm estate. A number of other schemes to help youngsters turn away from a life of crime have been supported.

At a meeting of Dudley Council's taxis committee last week, councillors agreed to drop the colour rule. The change, coming into force in June, will also see new signage on side doors to identify the vehicles as taxis.

Safety

Shaz Saleem, chairman of Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association, said: "It is a landmark decision. It has been a tough, long campaign and we are finally there. This is about keeping taxi drivers in business and raising public safety."

Mr Saleem, also managing director at Sedgley-based Beacon Taxis and Express Taxis in Halesowen, added: "Having to be in white cars is expensive for respraying and buying of the cars. The new signage will make it clear for customers on what is a taxi and what is not."

The decision marks a U-turn for the committee, which refused to amend the policy on March 13.

Drivers took part in a go-slow protest through Dudley town centre as part of their campaign.

Skills help apprentices prosper



From left to right, back, Russell Dean, Dean Longden, Luke Smith, Managing Director Martin Boulter, Aaron Boffey, Nicole Pemberton, Craig Cooper, Ross Webb, Alan Simpson, Louise McColgan, Laura Underhill, Michaela Samuel, and Verity Lees

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The students also discovered more about a career in the engineering industry as part of the project.

It was run jointly by Performance Through People training provider, Halesowen College and Lean Engineering and Manufacturing Academy.

Among those who took a starring role was Russell Dean and Verity Lees. She said: "It was a fantastic opportunity to be able to undertake the Diploma in Customer Service, and we have to give our thanks to our assessor Sue Mills from Performance through People, who was fantastic throughout, we would never have made it without her."

Chris Morris, Training Manager at Beck Prosper, told the apprentices: "I know you are all proud of your qualification achievements, and I know how challenging some of you found them."

Pride

"I know from experience how daunting it can be to go back into education but you have done it and this award is a chance for me, your managers and your tutors to reflect their pride in you."

Drug case judge asks man to show his accounts

A SELF-EMPLOYED businessman found with £1,100 worth of cocaine and a set of scales in his car has been ordered to produce his accounts in court because a district judge suspects he may be a drug dealer.

William Griffin, 26, of Market Street, Kingswinford, admitted having the cocaine, although he has not been charged with supplying the drug.

Rehabilitation

But District Judge Graham Wilkinson said the fact that a set of scales, two mobile phones and the cocaine were found by police in his car in Wordsley at 6.25pm on September 13 led to the conclusion he may be dealing drugs.

The judge also said the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) should be notified that Griffin was taking drugs and should not be behind the wheel of a car.

Mr Dennis Dudley, defending, said: "His house was searched very thoroughly but no drug paraphernalia was found."

Griffin had been attending a drug rehabilitation programme but went back on drugs after being charged with robbery last year.

The case against him had collapsed when the complainant said that a car he was accused of taking had already been stolen, said Mr Dudley.

The judge said he wanted to see Griffin's business accounts before he is sentenced on January 8. Griffin was allowed unconditional bail.

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Christmas Eve

BBC 1



Edward is forced to make a confession in Holby City, 8.00pm

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Gruffalo (R) 9.30 A CBeebies Christmas Carol Adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel. 10.10 Sarah & Duck: Christmas Special 10.20 FILM: The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (2006) Christmas fantasy comedy sequel, starring Tim Allen. ★★★ 11.45 Only Fools and Horses Part two of two. The Trotters arrive in America. (R) 1.10 BBC News 1.20 Regional News; Weather. 1.30 FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (2005) Four children discover a secret entrance to a mystical land that an evil witch has cursed with perpetual winter. Fantasy adventure, starring Tilda Swinton and Georgie Henley. ★★★

BBC 2



Jo Brand Phill Jupitus and Brendan O'Carroll feature in QI XL, 9.00pm

6.00 This Is BBC 2 6.50 Natural World: Animal House (R) 7.50 FILM: Herbie Rides Again (1974) Disney comedy sequel, starring Helen Hayes. ★★★ 9.15 Westminster Abbey The choir prepares to sing at a papal Mass in St Peter's Basilica, Rome. (R) 10.15 FILM: An American in Paris (1951) Romantic musical, starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. ★★★ 12.05 FILM: Splash! (1984) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. ★★★ 1.50 FILM: Guys and Dolls (1955) A gambler tries to win the heart of a Salvation Army member, while his friend searches for somewhere to hold an illegal dice game. Musical, with Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando. ★★★

ITV



Priya tells David to call off the wedding in Emmerdale, 7.00pm

6.00 Daybreak 8.30 Lorraine 9.25 FILM: The Christmas Takeover (1998) A cold-hearted toy tycoon goes to the North Pole to drive Santa out of business, only to have a crisis of conscience. Comedy drama, starring Harry Hamlin and William Hootkins. ★★ 11.30 Catchphrase Revival of the game show, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R) 12.15 ITV News and Weather 12.30 Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel With singer Billy Ocean. Last in the series. 1.30 Steppin' Out with Katherine Jenkins A cabaret show with the classical singer and celebrity guests. (R) 2.45 Gary Barlow: Journey to Afghanistan The X Factor judge performs a concert for British troops at Camp Bastion. (R)

CH4



Chris O'Dowd, The IT Crowd Special: The Internet Is Coming, 9.00pm

6.20 Wilde Stories Animated version of The Selfish Giant. (R) 6.50 Wilde Stories (R) 7.15 The Bear Animation based on the Raymond Briggs tale. (R) 7.45 FILM: The Nativity Story (2006) Biblical drama, starring Keisha Castle-Hughes. ★★ 9.45 The Big Bang Theory Amy and Penny use Bernadette to spy on Leonard and Priya. (R) 10.15 The Big Bang Theory (R) 10.40 The Simpsons The family spends Christmas on a ranch. (R) 11.10 The Simpsons (R) 11.40 The Simpsons (R) 12.10 Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas Noel Edmonds hosts a festive-themed edition. 1.10 FILM: It's a Wonderful Life (1946) Fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. (b/w) ★★

CH5



Ashley Maddocks, Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas, 8.00pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes Animal cooking. (R) 10.05 The Dog Rescuers A Grimsby inspector finds two puppies locked in a dirty bathroom. (R) 10.40 World's Strongest Man 2013: Qualifiers James Richardson presents action from the Giants Live Series event in Norway, which was the fourth qualifier for the World's Strongest Man heats. (R) 11.40 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker The truckers deliver a consignment of reindeer for a Christmas parade. (R) 12.40 FILM: Clash of the Titans (1981) A hero of ancient Greece journeys into the underworld to save a princess from being sacrificed to a sea monster. Mythical adventure, starring Harry Hamlin and Laurence Olivier. ★★

Early View

Prime Time

Late View

3.40 Toy Story 2 (1999) Animated sequel, with the voice of Tom Hanks. ★★

5.10 Shrek the Halls Festive animated short, starring the lovable ogre. (R)

5.35 BBC News

5.50 Midlands Today; Weather.

5.55 Finding Nemo (2003) Animated adventure, with the voices of Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres. ★★

7.30 EastEnders A defiant David resists Janine's plea to drop his blackmail plan, and Joey is optimistic as Alice's hearing arrives. Alfie and Kat bid an emotional farewell to the Queen Vic.

8.00 Holby City Edward is forced to make a confession about Mary-Claire, Zosia is determined not to let her father back into her life, and Mo tries to pluck up the courage to ask Mr Thompson out.

9.00 Last Tango in Halifax Gillian worries about the fallout from her confession and Kate is rushed to hospital. Caroline's emotions are in turmoil as Celia and Alan's wedding day dawns. Last in the series.

10.00 Not Going Out Christmas Special Lee invites Lucy and her parents to join him and Daisy to spend Christmas in a cosy old country house that used to belong to his aunt - but they soon sense a spooky presence.

10.45 0 u n u m b e r e d Christmas special from 2012. The Brockmans throw a party, but Karen is too busy chatting online, Jake has fallen in with a bad crowd and the less said about the guests the better. (R) National Lottery Update

11.30 BBC News; Weather.

11.45 Westminster Abbey: The First Eucharist of Christmas Live service from Westminster Abbey in London, led by the Very Rev John Hall. Carols include: O Come, All Ye Faithful, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing and O Little Town of Bethlehem.

4.15 Fantasia (1940) Premiere. Animated anthology, set to famous pieces of classical music. ★★

6.15 Carols from King's Music and readings from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, including the carols Once in Royal David's City, O Little Town of Bethlehem and God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.

7.30 The Perfect Morecambe & Wise Christmas Special A selection of classic clips from the duo's festive BBC specials, including Angela Rippon coming out from behind the news desk and Andre Previn being shown how to play Grieg.

8.00 Victoria Wood's Midlife Christmas A festive special from 2009 that attempts to cram a night's Christmas viewing into an hour. Highlights include the Midlife Olympics 2009, popular costume drama Lark Pies to Cranchesterford and the adventures of soap star Bo Beaumont. (R)

9.00 QI XL Stephen Fry hosts a festive edition of the comedy quiz, with Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus, Brendan O'Carroll and Alan Davies answering questions on the theme of Kris Kringle.

9.45 Mel Smith: I've Sort of Done Things A celebration of the life and career of the actor, writer and director, who died in July at the age of 60. With contributions by Griff Rhys Jones, John Lloyd and Richard Curtis.

10.45 Comedy Connections The story of how Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones collaborated to create one of the most successful and influential partnerships in comedy history. (R)

11.25 The Awakening (2011) An investigator of supernatural hoaxes has her sceptical beliefs challenged when she is summoned to a haunting at a boarding school. Horror, starring Rebecca Hall and Dominic West. ★★

1.05 FILM: The Spiral Staircase (1945) Period thriller, starring Dorothy McGuire. (b/w) ★★ 2.30 This Is BBC 2

3.45 Fast Freddie, the Widow and Me Drama, starring Laurence Fox and Sarah Smart. (R)

5.15 The Nation's Favourite Christmas Song A countdown of the top 20 festive tunes. (R)

6.45 7.00 ITV News and Weather Emmerdale An emotional Priya tells David she wants him to call off the wedding and be a proper family with her and the baby. Megan packs her bags to leave after Declan lashes out again.

7.30 You've Been Framed! At Christmas Harry Hill narrates a festive and comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a kid wrestling a Christmas tree and the world's most terrifying present.

8.00 Midsomer Murders New series. Return of the long-running detective drama, starring Neil Dudgeon. It's a time of joy and happiness in Midsomer for once - Christmas is coming, and DCI Barnaby and his wife Sarah (Fiona Dolman) are soon to become parents. But the festive mood changes when a man is stabbed to death with an antique sword during a ghost-hunting party at a spooky manor house in Morton Shallows. Is blacksmith's daughter Rose Wilton seeking revenge from beyond the grave, or will Barnaby and new sidekick DS Charlie Nelson (Gwilym Lee) find a more earthly motive behind the murder?

10.00 ITV News at Ten and Weather

10.15 Christmas Carols on ITV Aled Jones presents an evening of festive performances from St Michael the Archangel Church in the village of Kirby Malham, North Yorkshire.

11.15 Couples Retreat (2009) Four couples sign up for relationship therapy on a tropical island, but the treatment only serves to drive them apart. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn, Malin Akerman and Jon Favreau. ★★

1.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 2.00 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R)

3.50 The Grinch (2000) Fantasy comedy, starring Jim Carrey. ★★

6.00 The Simpsons Featuring a parody of Michael Bay's Transformers. (R)

6.25 Hollyoaks Grace urges Trevor to push ahead with his malicious plans for Mercedes.

6.55 Channel 4 News 7.00 4thought.tv How Christmas is perceived by those who do not celebrate it.

7.05 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas: Festive spin-off of the animated films. Sid the sloth tries to redeem himself after accidentally ruining one of Manny the mammoth's Christmas traditions. (R)

7.30 The Snowman and the Snowdog Animated sequel to classic festive tale The Snowman, in which a boy's snowman and snowdog magically come to life and take him on an adventure to the North Pole. (R)

8.05 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings: Carols and Caravans Following the Christmas celebrations of the travelling community, including an escape to the sun in Tenerife, a festive 18th birthday party and a spectacular winter wedding. (R)

9.00 The IT Crowd Special: The Internet Is Coming Roy and Jen's reputations are put at risk in the final episode when an incident involving spilt coffee and a homeless person ends up on the internet. Comedy, starring Chris O'Dowd. Part of The IT Crowd Night. (R)

10.00 The IT Crowd Manual Behind the scenes of the comedy.

11.05 The IT Crowd: The Fans' Favourite Episode A people's choice episode. (R)

11.35 The IT Crowd: The Writer's Favourite Episode Graham Linehan's favourite chapter for the gang. (R)

12.10 The Inbetweeners (R) 12.40 The Inbetweeners (R) 1.10 The Inbetweeners (R) 1.35 The Inbetweeners (R) 2.05 FILM: Idiocracy (2006) ★★★ 3.25 90210 4.05 Suburgatory 4.30 Suburgatory 4.50 Suburgatory 5.15 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (R)

3.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988) Comedy, starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin. ★★

5.10 Scrooge - A Christmas Carol (1951) A hard-hearted skintiff is taught the error of his ways by a succession of spectral visitors. Adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, with Alastair Sim and Mervyn Johns. ★★

7.00 Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas A compilation of the most memorable festive moments from the series following the haulage company, featuring workers battling the elements, the traffic and the Christmas rush. 5 News Update

8.00 The Muppets and Lady Gaga at Christmas The pop superstar joins forces with the furry gang of puppets for an entertainment extravaganza, performing seasonal favourites and her own hits. She sings duets with Kermit the Frog, musician Elton John, actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt and drag artist RuPaul, while Forgetting Sarah Marshall star Kristen Bell appears in a sketch alongside the Muppets and Lady Gaga. (R) 5 News at 9

9.10 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies Countdown of the best festive films, from White Christmas and It's a Wonderful Life to Bad Santa and Elf. Gremlins star Zach Galligan and Miracle on 34th Street's Mara Wilson talk about their experiences making their movies, while Aled Jones reveals that he hadn't even seen classic animation The Snowman until 10 years ago - despite having a hit in 1985 with a version of its famous song Walking in the Air. Featuring contributions by Ollie Locke, Stacey Solomon, Joe Swash and Eamonn Holmes.

12.05 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights (R) 1.05 SuperCasino 3.05 Blackpool Lights 3.55 House Doctor (R) 4.20 House Doctor (R) 4.45 Great Artists (R) 5.10 Nick's Quest (R) 5.35 Wildlife SOS (R)

Christmas Day

BBC 1



Michael McIntyre's Showtime from the O2 in London, 10.05pm

6.00 Breakfast Headlines and business news. 9.00 **The Gruffalo's Child** Animated sequel, with the voice of Robbie Coltrane. (R) 9.25 **The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper** (R) 9.40 **Old Jack's Boat: The Christmas Quest** Jack's search for three Christmas gifts. 10.00 **Christmas Day: Live from Westminster Abbey** Traditional morning service. 11.00 **FILM: Chicken Run** (2000) Animated comedy, with the voices of Mel Gibson and Julia Sawalha. *** 12.20 **BBC News: Weather**. 12.30 **FILM: The Princess and the Frog** (2009) Disney animated musical fantasy, with the voice of Anika Noni Rose. *** 2.00 **Top of the Pops Christmas** The year's most successful chart acts.

BBC 2



Actor Mark Gatiss presents MR James: Ghost Writer, 10.05pm

6.00 **This Is BBC 2** 6.20 **Natural World: The Real Jungle Book** Bear India's sloth bear, the inspiration for The Jungle Book's Baloo. (R) 7.20 **FILM: Herbie Goes Bananas** (1980) Disney adventure, starring Cloris Leachman. *** 8.50 **FILM: The Red Shoes** (1948) Oscar-winning drama, with Moira Shearer. **** 11.00 **Carols from King's** Music and readings from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge. (R) 12.15 **Music of the Monarchy** with David Starkey A selection of full-length royal classics. 1.20 **Swingin' Christmas** Festive music by the John Wilson Orchestra. (R) 2.45 **The Perfect Morescambe & Wise Christmas Special** A selection of classic clips from the duo's festive BBC specials. (R)

ITV



Nick flies into a rage and slaps Leanne in Coronation Street, 7.30pm

6.00 **CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou**. (R) 6.10 **Dino Dan** (R) 6.25 **Dino Dan** (R) 6.40 **Sooty** (R) 6.50 **Bookaboo** (R) 7.05 **Horrid Henry**. (R) 7.20 **Almost Naked Animals** (R) 7.40 **Almost Naked Animals** (R) 7.55 **Bottom Knockers** Street 8.10 **Bottom Knockers** Street 8.25 **Dinner Date** (R) 9.25 **FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie** (1985) Family fantasy adventure, starring Dudley Moore. *** 11.25 **The Chase: Celebrity Special** (R) 12.30 **The Big Christmas Reunion** (R) 1.30 **You've Been Framed!** At Christmas (R) 2.00 **River Deep Mountain High: James Nesbitt in New Zealand** James Nesbitt travels from the tip of the North Island down to the South.

CH4



David Dickinson, Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special, 9.30pm

6.10 **Ivor the Invisible** (R) 6.35 **Prep & Landing** (R) 7.00 **Famous Fred** (R) 7.25 **Little Wolf's Book of Badness** (R) 7.55 **Olive, the Other Reindeer** (R) 8.50 **FILM: James and the Giant Peach** (1996) *** 10.25 **FILM: Horton Hears a Who!** (2008) *** 12.05 **The Big Bang Theory** Sheldon re-evaluates the time he spends with Amy. 1.05 **The Simpsons** Homer plays Santa. (R) 1.40 **The Snowman** Animated adventure, based on Raymond Briggs' festive tale. (R) 2.10 **The Snowman and the Snowdog** Animated sequel to classic festive tale The Snowman. (R) 2.45 **The Simpsons** Bart destroys the family's Christmas presents. (R)

CH5



Noddy Holder narrates Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights, 7.30pm

6.00 **Milkshake!** 8.05 **FILM: Scrooge** (1970) A miserly man is taught the error of his ways by a host of spectral visitors. Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, starring Albert Finney and Alec Guinness. *** 10.15 **FILM: Gone with the Wind** (1939) A plantation heiress has a tumultuous relationship with a rough Southern gentleman during the American Civil War. Epic romantic drama, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. **** 2.35 **FILM: Casablanca** (1942) The owner of a Moroccan nightclub is reunited with an old flame who needs his help to escape the country. Romantic drama, starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains. (b/w) ***

Early View

Prime Time

Late View

3.00 **The Queen** BBC News: Weather. 3.10 **BBC News: Weather**. 3.20 **Toy Story 3** (2010) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. *** 5.00 **Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special** Six Strictly newcomers compete. 6.15 **Call the Midwife: Christmas Special** Preparations for Shelagh's wedding are rudely interrupted by the discovery of an unexploded bomb, forcing the residents to pull together as they are evacuated to safety. 7.30 **Doctor Who** Matt Smith makes his final appearance as the Doctor, who joins some of the universe's deadliest alien species drawn to a mysterious message emanating from a backwater planet. 8.30 **EastEnders** Bianca is put out when Nikki arrives at her house on Christmas Day, while David and Carol get closer - but Janine looks set to ruin things. 9.30 **Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special** The first of two festive editions. Mrs Brown tries to find out what her grandson wants for Christmas and loses her temper at the family games night when no one plays by her rules. 10.05 **Michael McIntyre's Showtime** Stand-up comedy performed at the O2 in London during his 10-night run in 2012, featuring stories about a horrific trip to the dentist and watching his wife get undressed. 11.05 **BBC News: Weather**. 11.20 **On Christmas Night** Actor Patrice Naiambana reads from the Gospel of St Matthew, followed by the Sussex Carol performed by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. 11.25 **The Vicar of Dibley** The villagers celebrate Christmas, and vicar Geraldine learns there is a heavy price to be paid for festive kindness when she agrees to attend three slap-up lunches. (R) National Lottery Update 12.10 **Would I Lie to You?** At Christmas (R) 12.40 **FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy** (2004) *** 2.15 **Weatherview** 2.20 **BBC News**

3.15 **Doctor Who at the Proms** Highlights of the 2013 concert featuring music from the sci-fi series. (R) 4.30 **An Adventure in Space and Time** Drama about the creation of Doctor Who, starring David Bradley. (R) 6.00 **Sign Zone: The Queen** Her Majesty's annual address to the nation and the Commonwealth. (R) 6.10 **Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty** A performance of Tchaikovsky's ballet by the New Adventures dance company, reimagined by Matthew Bourne as a supernatural love story featuring vampires, fairies and gothic opulence. 7.40 **Christmas Night with the Two Ronnies** The comedy duo perform songs and sketches in a Christmas special from 1987, featuring a guest appearance by Charlton Heston and music by Elton John. (R) 8.30 **Morescambe & Wise: Leading Ladies** Penelope Keith presents a compilation of highlights from the comedy duo's shows featuring appearances by female stars of stage and screen. 9.30 **The Tractate Middoth** Terrifying spirits are summoned to a library after two men search for an obscure Hebrew text. Mark Gatiss's adaptation of MR James's tale, starring Sacha Dhawan and John Castle. 10.05 **MR James: Ghost Writer** Actor and writer Mark Gatiss examines the life and career of author MR James, attempting to uncover the inspirations behind his stories of the supernatural. 11.05 **QI** XL Stephen Fry presents a festive special from 2010, as Daniel Radcliffe, Graham Norton, Lee Mack and regular Alan Davies answer questions on the theme of hocus pocus. (R) 11.50 **Hebburn** Sarah flies in to Hebburn for Christmas from Switzerland with Jack, and her parents and miserable grandmother head up north too. Last in the series. (R) 12.20 **FILM: Dead Poets Society** (1989) *** 2.25 **This Is BBC 2**

3.00 **The Queen Her Majesty's** annual address. 3.10 **ITV News and Weather** 3.20 **Tangled** (2010) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Mandy Moore. *** 5.15 **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas** The comedian helps out at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home over the festive period. 6.15 **Emmerdale** Hour-long episode. Alicia and David's wedding day arrives and everything seems to be going wrong, while Charity catches a drunken Declan pouring petrol around his house. 7.15 **ITV News and Weather** 7.30 **Coronation Street** Hour-long episode. Nick flies into a rage and slaps Leanne, Roy's hopes for a quiet Christmas with Hayley are dashed, and Carla makes Peter an equal partner in Underworld. 8.30 **Downton Abbey** It's summer and as part of Rose's debutante 'coming out' she is to be presented at Buckingham Palace. The family is in London, preparing Grantham House for the busy social programme, and Martha Levinson, not one to miss such a grand occasion, arrives from New York with Cora's recently disgraced brother Harold (Sideways star Paul Giamatti). Both outspoken and larger than life, they make quite an impression on certain members of high society. Meanwhile, when the Crawleys are implicated in a scandal that threatens to engulf the monarchy, Robert goes to great lengths to protect the royal family - and his own. Last in the series. 10.30 **ITV News and Weather** 10.45 **Love Actually** (2003) Interlinked tales of several people in search of love. Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Martine McCutcheon, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Bill Nighy and Liam Neeson. *** 1.10 **Christmas Carols on ITV** (R) 2.10 **FILM: Closing the Ring** (2007) Drama, starring Shirley MaLaine. *** 4.05 **ITV Nightscreen**

3.15 **Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas** Noel Edmonds hosts a festive-themed edition. 4.15 **The Alternative Christmas Message** Another famous face delivers an alternative to the Queen's speech. 4.20 **Channel 4 News** 4.30 **4thought.tv** How Christmas is perceived by those who do not celebrate it. 4.35 **The Muppet Christmas Carol** (1992) Puppet comedy, starring Michael Caine. *** 6.15 **Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** (1992) A boy ends up stranded in the Big Apple - where he bumps into two familiar burglars with an axe to grind. Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. *** 8.30 **Bear's Wild Weekend with Stephen Fry** Bear Grylls takes the 'Ol' host' on an expedition to the Italian Dolomites, setting him a series of challenges, from travelling on the skids of a helicopter to descending a waterfall. 9.30 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special** The comedian hosts a show filled with festive fun and frolics, joined by Russell Brand, Davina McCall and David Dickinson. Little Mix perform their new single. Last in the series. 10.35 **Man Down Christmas Special** Scrooge 3000 - a festive school play set in space - and a terrifying yuletide tradition are just two of the Christmas challenges that risk reducing Dan's life to a crumbling mess. 11.05 **Father Ted Christmas Special** Father Ted and Dougal endure their worst Christmas ever when they get lost in a lingerie department, leaving them in a highly embarrassing predicament. Festive edition from 1996. (R) 12.15 **Father Ted** (R) 12.50 **Father Ted** (R) 1.20 **Father Ted** (R) 1.45 **Father Ted** (R) 2.15 **Father Ted** (R) 2.40 **Father Ted** (R) 3.05 **FILM: A Matter of Life and Death** (1946) *** 4.50 90210 5.30 **Suburgatory** 5.55 **Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice** (R)

4.40 **Greatest Ever Christmas Movies** Countdown of the best festive films, from It's a Wonderful Life to Bad Santa. Featuring contributions by Gremlins star Zach Galligan and Miracle on 34th Street's Mara Wilson. (R) 7.30 **Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights** Former Slade frontman Noddy Holder narrates a documentary following four households as they turn their homes into electric winter wonderlands with extensive displays of festive illuminations. For these Christmas obsessives, who include Dave and Carol Edwards, putting up the lights involves a head for heights, DIY wiring skills and an unshakable resolve, with some inspired by the bling of Blackpool while others aim for the ambitious scale of a West End show. (R) 8.30 **Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas** A compilation of the most memorable festive moments from the series following the day-to-day work of the haulage company that has road, rail and air divisions. The programme features 12 of the best tales of the firm's employees as they battle the elements, the traffic and the crazy Christmas rush to make sure their deliveries are on time. (R) 9.30 **Michael Jackson's This Is It** (2009) Premiere. Documentary following the singer rehearsing for his planned 50 shows at London's O2, before his death in June 2009. Featuring interviews with Jackson and performances of classic hits including Billy Jean and Wanna Be Startin' Something. *** 11.40 **Greatest Christmas TV Moments** Countdown of 50 festive TV highlights, featuring Gavin & Stacey, Morescambe and Wise, Only Fools and Horses, Wallace and Gromit, Doctor Who, Top of the Pops and The Royle Family. (R) 2.35 **SuperCasino** 3.55 **House Doctor** (R) 4.40 **House Doctor** (R) 4.45 **Great Artists** (R) 5.10 **Nick's Quest** (R) 5.35 **Wildlife SOS** (R)

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Boxing Day

BBC 1



**Landlord Mick makes his
presence felt in
EastEnders, 7.15pm**

6.00 Breakfast Headlines and business news. 9.00 Room on the Broom (R) 9.25 Mouse and Mole at Christmas Time Snowmole takes Mouse to a land where all of his wishes come true. 9.55 FILM: 101 Dalmatians (1996) Disney comedy adventure remake, starring Glenn Close. *** 11.30 FILM: Flushed Away (2006) Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Hugh Jackman. *** 12.50 BBC News 1.00 Regional News; Weather. 1.05 FILM: Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005) Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. *** 2.25 FILM: Alice in Wonderland (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Mia Wasikowska. ***

BBC 2



**Ben Fogle, Ben & James
Versus the Arabian
Desert on at 9.15pm**

6.00 This Is BBC 2 Preview of upcoming programmes. 6.05 Natural World The devastating power of the African driver ant. (R) 6.50 FILM: Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo (1977) Disney comedy adventure sequel, starring Dean Jones. *** 8.35 Westminster Abbey The new intake of pupils talk about their lives at the choir school. Last in the series. (R) 9.35 Earthflight Bird's-eye view of the natural world. (R) 10.35 Pride & Prejudice: Having a Ball A team of experts recreates a Regency ball. (R) 12.05 FILM: Emma (1996) Jane Austen drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Ewan McGregor. *** 2.00 Operation Snow Tiger Part one of two. Scientists studying endangered Siberian tigers. (R)

ITV



**Keith Lemon hosts
Through the Christmas
Keyhole, 11.20pm**

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. (R) 6.10 Dino Dan (R) 6.25 Dino Dan (R) 6.40 Sooty (R) 6.50 Bookaboo 7.05 Horrid Henry (R) 7.20 Almost Naked Animals (R) 7.40 Almost Naked Animals (R) 7.55 Bottom Knockout Street 8.10 Bottom Knockout Street 8.25 Dinner Date David from Essex chooses three blind dates from five potential partners. Narrated by Charlotte Hudson. 9.25 FILM: Problem Child (1990) Comedy, starring John Ritter. *** 11.00 FILM: The Flintstones (1994) Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman. *** 12.45 ITV News and Weather 1.05 FILM: Casper (1995) Family comedy, starring Christina Ricci. ***

CH4



**Come Dine with Me:
Comedians Christmas
Special, 4.35pm**

6.15 FILM: Mysterious Island (1961) Sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Craig. *** 8.00 Morning Line A look ahead to today's meeting at Kempton Park. 9.00 Frasier Part two of two. Niles is suspected of being an accomplice to murder. (R) 9.30 Frasier Liath and Frasier are set up on a blind date. (R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory Howard gets caught in a strange argument. (R) 10.30 FILM: The King and I (1956) Oscar-winning musical, starring Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr. *** 1.05 Channel 4 Racing Clare Balding and Nick Luck present live coverage of five races from Kempton Park and Wetherby, including the 3.10 King George VI Chase.

CH5



**Laurence Shahlaei,
World's Strongest Man
2013 on at 8.15pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 World's Strongest Man 2013: Qualifiers (R) 10.45 Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas The haulage company's most memorable festive moments. (R) 11.45 World's Most Pampered Pets Documentary about people who spoil their pets. 12.45 FILM: High Society (1956) Complications arise when a playboy composer tries to stop his ex-wife from marrying another man. Romantic musical comedy, starring Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra. *** 2.55 FILM: Meet Me in St Louis (1944) A close-knit family is worried that a prospective move to New York will mean missing out on the 1904 World's Fair. Musical, starring Judy Garland, Tom Drake and Margaret O'Brien. ***

Early View

Prime Time

Late View

4.05 Cars 2 (2011) Premiere. Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Owen Wilson. ***
5.45 BBC News
6.00 Midlands Today; Weather.
6.05 Gangsta Granny Family comedy based on David Walliams' book about a law-breaking OAP who takes her bored grandson on a crime spree. Julia McKenzie, Joanna Lumley and Rob Brydon star.
7.15 EastEnders Phil is in for a surprise when new Vic landlord Mick makes his presence felt. Max finds Lauren and Jake together and Joey gets bad news from the prison.

7.45 Still Open All Hours David Jason returns as Granville in this one-off special of Roy Clarke's popular comedy, now running the shop with his son after inheriting the business from Arkwright.
8.15 Death Comes to Pemberley New series. Anna Maxwell Martin, Matthew Rhys and Jenna Coleman star in this sequel to Pride and Prejudice adapted from the best-selling novel by PD James, which brings Jane Austen's world back to life in a highly original way - with a murder mystery plot at its centre. Continues tomorrow.
9.20 Len Goodman's Perfect Christmas Strictly Come Dancing judge Len Goodman takes a trip through the TV archives, choosing a series of small-screen clips to demonstrate his idea of the perfect Christmas Day.

10.00 BBC News
10.15 Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Liverpool and Hull City v Manchester United.
11.55 Have I Got a Bit More 2013: News for You Extended highlights from this year's editions, revisiting how Paul Merton, Ian Hislop and a variety of guests took on the big news stories of 2013. Last in the series.
12.40 Skiing Weatherview 12.45 BBC News

3.00 Operation Snow Tiger Part two of two. Liz Bonnin searches for a tiger that has gone missing. (R)
4.00 Final Score A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.15 You Have Been Watching - David Croft A tribute to the TV comedy writer. (R)
6.15 Dad's Army (1971) The Home Guard soldiers are put on their mettle as they get ready to capture three German aviators. British comedy based on the TV series, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. ***
7.45 Christmas University Challenge Alumni from the colleges of Gonville & Caius, Cambridge, and Christ Church, Oxford, compete, with Andrew Graham-Dixon and Michael Dobbs among the contestants.

8.15 Idris Elba - King of Speed Part one of two. Documentary in which the Luther star embarks on an international journey to explore the history of car racing while sampling the thrill of competition vehicles.
9.15 Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert Part one of two. Four years after On Thin Ice - their Antarctic expedition for BBC Two - James Cracknell and Ben Fogle reunite to attempt an unguided crossing of a portion of the Rub' al Khali desert - also known as the Empty Quarter. The duo are following in the footsteps of British explorer Wilfred Thesiger, who travelled extensively in the region between 1945 and 1949 and earned the nickname of Mubarak bin London from the Bedouin tribes.
10.15 King Arthur (2004) A Roman commander in fifth-century Britain comes to realise his true destiny is to lead the people against Saxon invaders. Adventure, starring Clive Owen and Keira Knightley. ***
12.10 FILM: Dracula (1958) Hammer horror, starring Christopher Lee. *** 1.30 FILM: Sign Zone: Jane Eyre (2011) Period drama, starring Mia Wasikowska. *** 3.20 This Is BBC 2

3.00 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 - Behind the Magic Ben Shephard interviews the stars of the film. (R)
4.00 Off Their Rockers A pensioner's wheelchair is stolen. Last in the series. (R)
4.30 The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song A countdown of the King's 20 greatest hits, as voted for by the public, featuring contributions by stars he influenced and an interview with his ex-wife Priscilla Presley. (R)
6.00 ITV News and Weather
6.15 Emmerdale Hour-long episode. At Home Farm, the fire is raging and Charity tries to get Declan to leave. Eventually, they flee the grounds, but Megan rushes inside - and becomes trapped.

7.15 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010) Premiere. The dark lord Voldemort rises to ultimate power over the magical world, so the teenage wizard and his friends set out on a mission to find the magical horcruxes - artefacts containing parts of the evil wizard's soul that hold the key to destroying him. The first half of the two-part conclusion to the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. ***
10.05 I Am Britney Jean: Britney Spears in Las Vegas Documentary following the pop star as she prepares for her performance residency in Las Vegas, revealing how she handles the pressures that come with the next chapter of her career.
11.05 ITV News and Weather
11.20 Through the Christmas Keyhole Keith Lemon returns with a festive rummage through the homes of three mystery celebrities, challenging regular panellist Dave Berry and guests to guess their identities. (R)
12.20 FILM: The Affair of the Necklace (2001) Period drama, starring Hilary Swank. *** 2.20 FILM: Inland Empire (2006) Mystery drama, starring Laura Dern. *** 5.20 ITV Nightscreen

3.35 Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas Noel Edmonds hosts a festive-themed edition.
4.35 Come Dine with Me: Comedians Christmas Special Sean Hughes, Gina Yashere, Paul Tonkinson and Duncan Norville compete. (R)
5.35 Hollyoaks The Roscoes have more than one reason to celebrate as Christmas Day arrives. Fraser worries when Grace goes missing, and plans are put into action to steal Mercedes' new fortune.
6.05 Channel 4 News
6.15 4thought.tv How Christmas is perceived by those who do not celebrate it.

6.20 Independence Day (1996) A fleet of huge flying saucers launches a devastating and unprovoked attack on Earth. As survivors try to flee the seemingly unstoppable alien invaders, the courageous US president, an ace pilot and a computer genius come up with a plan to take the fight to the enemy and save the human race. Roland Emmerich's sci-fi adventure, starring Will Smith, Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Mary McDonnell, Randy Quaid and Harry Connick Jr. ***
9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2013 Jimmy Carr poses questions about the major events of the year to Jack Whitehall, Jonathan Ross, Dara O Briain, Kristen Schaal, Noel Fielding and Richard Ayode.
11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special The comedian hosts a show filled with festive fun and frolics, joined by actor and comedian Russell Brand, presenters Davina McCall and David Dickinson, and girl group Little Mix, who perform their new single Little Mix. Last in the series. (R)
12.10 FILM: Machete (2010) Action thriller, starring Danny Trejo. *** 2.00 FILM: Legend (1985) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. *** 3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (R) 4.35 Secret Removers 5.30 Suburgatory 5.55 Suburgatory

5.15 The Wizard of Oz (1939) A tornado whisks a girl off to a magical land where she embarks on a journey in search of the wizard who knows the way home. Musical fantasy, with Judy Garland and Ray Bolger. ***
7.15 Michael Buble's Christmas Special The Grammy-winning Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs in his third annual Christmas special, with soul and R'n'B singer Mary J Blige joining him on numbers including Run, Run Rudolph.
8.15 World's Strongest Man 2013 James Richardson presents action from the opening heat from Hailang Bay in Sanya, China, where the top two of six competitors would progress to the final. Britain's Strongest Man Laurence Shahlaei was among those involved, along with American duo Robert Oberst and Nick Best, with disciplines including the Truck Pull and the Atlas Stones.
9.15 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs A countdown of popular songs that are guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing. Highlights include the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, Greg Lake's I Believe in Father Christmas, the Waitresses' Christmas, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl's Fairytale of New York. Is Mud's Lonely Christmas past its sell-by date? Will Jona Lewie ever Stop the Cavalry? And where would any Christmas party be without Slade and their classic anthem Merry Xmas Everybody? But which one will top the nation's festive chart? Featuring contributions by artists, producers, video directors, composers and journalists, who shed light on the creation of the songs and their accompanying videos. (R)
12.10 Michael Buble's Christmas Special (R) 1.10 SuperCasino 3.05 Blackpool Lights 3.55 House Doctor (R) 4.20 House Doctor (R) 4.45 Great Artists (R) 5.10 Nick's Quest (R) 5.35 Wildlife SOS (R)

Friday 27 December

BBC 1



Mick lets Shirley and Tina move into the Vic in EastEnders, 8.00pm

6.00 Breakfast 8.20 Match of the Day (R) 9.50 FILM: 102 Dalmatians (2000) Disney family adventure sequel, starring Glenn Close. ★★ 11.25 FILM: Bedtime Stories (2008) Fantasy comedy, starring Adam Sandler. ★★ 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Regional Hours: A Celebration The enduring appeal of the classic comedy. 1.55 Len Goodman's Perfect Christmas Festive TV clips chosen by the Strictly judge. (R) 2.35 FILM: Enchanted (2007) A fairy-tale princess is magically transported from her cartoon world to modern-day New York. Part-animated fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams, James Marsden and Susan Sarandon. ★★

BBC 2



David Attenborough explores the continent's wildlife in Africa, 9.30am

6.00 This Is BBC 2 6.30 Natural World: Tiger Dynasty (R) 7.30 Sign Zone: Great Continental Railway Journeys (R) 8.30 Sign Zone: Africa 2013: Countdown to the Rains The rains finally arrive and the grazing animals spread out across the valley. Last in the series. (R) 9.30 Africa David Attenborough explores the continent's wildlife and landscape. (R) 10.30 Earthflight (R) 11.30 FILM: War and Peace (1956) Historical drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. ★★ 2.50 FILM: How the West Was Won (1962) Three generations of a pioneer family experience many ordeals as they try to build a life for themselves on the American frontier. Epic Western, starring James Stewart and John Wayne. ★★

ITV



Harry Hill narrates You've Been Framed! shown at 8.00pm

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. (R) 6.10 Dino Dan (R) 6.25 Dino Dan (R) 6.40 Scooby (R) 6.50 Bookaboo 7.05 Horrid Henry. (R) 7.20 Almost Naked Animals (R) 7.40 Almost Naked Animals (R) 7.55 Bottom Kicker Street 8.10 Bottom Kicker Street 8.25 Dinner Date Russell from Essex takes part in the dating show. (R) 9.25 Murder, She Wrote A ventriloquist is accused of murder. (R) 10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal (R) 11.25 FILM: Batteries Not Included (1987) Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Hahn. ★★ 1.25 ITV News and Weather 1.35 ITV News Central; Weather. 1.40 FILM: Step Up (2006) Musical romance, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. ★★

Ch4



Noel Edmonds hosts Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas, 3.15pm

6.15 Suburgatory 6.40 According to Jim (R) 7.05 According to Jim (R) 7.30 Will & Grace (R) 7.55 Will & Grace (R) 8.20 FILM: A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Dominic Cooper. ★★ 10.00 The Big Bang Theory Penny considers breaking up with Leonard. (R) 10.30 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon hires an attractive female assistant. (R) 10.55 The Simpsons Homer wakes up to find his family missing. (R) 11.25 The Simpsons Mayor Quimby brings election day forward. (R) 11.55 FILM: Aliens in the Attic (2009) Children's sci-fi comedy, starring Carter Jenkins. ★★ 1.35 FILM: Dr Dolittle (1998) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. ★★

Ch5



The hapless hero bags a bargain in Do It Yourself Mr Bean, 9.30pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 World's Strongest Man 2013 The opening heat from Hailang Bay in Sanya, China. (R) 11.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker The truckers deliver a consignment of reindeer for a Christmas parade. (R) 12.00 FILM: 633 Squadron (1964) RAF pilots are sent to bomb a German rocket-fuel plant, but the capture of a resistance fighter threatens the plan. Second World War drama, with Cliff Robertson and George Chakiris. ★★ 1.50 FILM: Zulu Dawn (1979) Fact-based historical drama, charting events leading to the massacre of more than 1,500 British soldiers at Isandlwana. Prequel to Zulu, starring Burt Lancaster and Peter O'Toole. Edited for violence and language. ★★

Early View

Prime Time

Late View

4.10 Megamind (2010) Premiere. Animated superhero comedy, with the voice of Will Ferrell. ★★

5.40 BBC News; Weather. 5.55 Midlands Today; Weather.

6.05 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008) The globe-trotting archaeologist races against Soviet agents to find a mysterious artefact of untold power. Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford and Cate Blanchett. ★★

8.00 EastEnders Linda is livid with Mick for letting his sisters move into the Vic, and bonds with Sharon over their mutual dislike of Shirley. Peter finds the money Cindy stole from Phil.

8.30 Miranda The shop owner's friends accuse her of being immature so she sets out to prove them wrong – first by looking after a toddler, then by hosting a grown-up dinner party. (R)

9.00 Death Comes to Pemberley Darcy retreats into a version of this younger self as the fallout from Wickham's arrest threatens his marriage, and Louisa Bidwell's unforeseen revelation adds to his wife's anxiety. Concludes tomorrow.

10.00 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update

10.20 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special The first of two festive editions. Mrs Brown tries to find out what her grandson wants for Christmas and loses her temper at the family games night when no one plays by her rules. (R)

11.00 Not Going Out Christmas Special Lee and the gang spend Christmas in a spooky country house. (R)

11.45 John Bishop's Christmas Show Festive giggles featuring Jason Manford, Nina Conti, David O'Doherty and Tim Vine. (R)

12.45 FILM: The Lonely Guy (1984) Comedy, with Steve Martin and Charles Grodin. ★★ 2.10 Weatherview 2.15 BBC News

5.15 Flog It! From National Museum Cardiff. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads Derek Jacobi, Frances Barber, Neil Dudgeon, Fiona Laird and Emma Fielding take on the general knowledge champions. Hosted by Dermot Mulroney. (R)

6.30 The Choir: Sing While You Work The three remaining choirs face their biggest challenge as they perform a song composed by Paul Mealar at Ely Cathedral, before one is picked as the winner. Last in the series. (R)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge Distinguished graduates of St Hugh's College, Oxford, compete with those of the University of Stirling, with Suzy Klein and Paul Lewis among the contestants.

8.00 Idris Elba – King of Speed Part two of two. The Luther star examines the importance of precision driving skills in motorsports, learning the art of rallying from former world champion Ari Vatanen.

9.00 Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert Part two of two. James Cracknell and Ben Fogle continue their expedition across the Arabian Desert. As they try to pick up the pace, disaster strikes when one of them suffers a serious injury, leading to further delays – although it does allow them to reflect on their friendship.

10.00 Cast Away (2000) A manager for a courier service has to fend for himself when a plane crash leaves him stranded alone on a desert island. Initially panic-stricken, he overcomes his terror to survive for four years on his own before building a raft and setting off on an epic journey back home. Adventure drama, starring Tom Hanks. Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy, Lari White and Chris Noth. ★★

12.15 Ambassadors (R) 1.15 FILM: The Mummy (1999) Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. ★★ 2.40 Sign Zone: Imagine – Who's Afraid of Machiavelli? (R) 3.40 Sign Zone: Waiting for Gaga: A Culture Show Special (R) 4.40 This Is BBC 2

3.45 The Chase With Lorraine Kelly, Craig Charles, Jarmila and Dom Joly.

4.45 Downton Abbey The Crawleys are implicated in a scandal that threatens to engulf the royal family. Last in the series. (R)

6.35 ITV News Central; Weather.

6.45 ITV News and Weather 7.00 Emmerdale Robbie becomes suspicious of Charity and Declan at the hospital, so she returns to Home Farm planning to delete the CCTV footage, but what she views gives her food for thought.

7.30 Coronation Street Hayley waits nervously for the results of her scan, Nick admits to causing Leanne's black eye, and Maddie owns up to the theft of Sally's handbag.

8.00 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)

8.30 Coronation Street Hayley breaks down and lashes out at Roy, David is concerned when a despondent Kylie returns to No 8, and Nick makes a decision that has repercussions for Leanne.

9.00 Vicious A festive edition of the comedy starring Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi. Freddie and Stuart invite friends round for a Christmas Day celebration at their flat.

9.35 Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) A woman begins a new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits. Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, with Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. ★★

11.20 ITV News at Ten and Weather; Weather.

11.35 The Cube A childminder and a Londoner take up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield. (R)

12.25 Jackpot247 Interactive gaming. 3.00 FILM: The Majestic (2001) Drama, starring Jim Carrey. ★★ 5.30 ITV Nightscreen

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Property

Tis the season to think about security at home

DURING the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, festive activities and frequent visitors home security can be at the bottom of the list.

Sadly, burglaries increase by up to 20 per cent over the winter months. There are some simple hints which could help you have a peaceful and secure Christmas.

Who's at the door? If you have one look through your front door spy hole and keep the door chain on before opening the door.

Only release the chain if you are satisfied the person at the door is really who they say they are.

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Raise the alarm: Make sure your home is protected should you go away over Christmas.

Guard

Home alarms act as the perfect security guard, watching over your property while you're not there.

Alarms also act as visual deterrents to potential burglars and are vital for alerting neighbours in the event of a break-in.

The latest gadgets, laptops and expensive jewellery provides thieves with the perfect incentive to burgle.

Make sure all doors and windows are fitted with secure locks in line with British standards. External



Don't make it easy for burglars to see and find where your presents are

timber doors should be secured using a mortice lock and/or nightlatch and if you have a PVCu or composite door then it is a good idea to upgrade the euro profile cylinder in your multi-point lock.

The great outdoors: Outdoor thefts are almost 20 per cent higher compared with five years ago and at this time of year sheds are often used to store Christmas presents such as bicycles and power tools.

You can secure your outbuildings with a weather-proof padlock to help deter would-be thieves. Anchor locks and cables can also be used to secure high value

individual items inside an outbuilding. **Christmas party safety:** It's easy to let your hair down and enjoy your Christmas party if you follow a few golden rules.

Plan your journey home and use a reputable taxi company.

If you're left in a position where you are on your own try to stick to well lit areas and carry a personal attack alarm for peace of mind.

Don't advertise your presents: Be careful to dispose of gift packaging carefully.

Rubbish collections over the Christmas and New Year period are often at different times, so remember to take

note of any changes. Make sure you put your rubbish out just before the collection and shred any details you wouldn't want people to see.

You should also resist the urge to advertise your new Christmas gifts to everyone on Facebook.

You don't want to create a catalogue for burglars to choose from—especially if you tag yourself at an airport three days later.

By following these simple tips you can help protect your belongings, homes and families over the festive period, ensuring everyone has a very merry—and safe—Christmas. The tips and information is courtesy of Yale.

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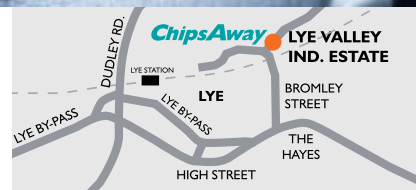
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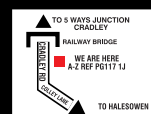
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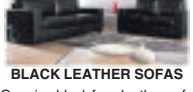
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The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 45 and 46 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, has made the following Order:-

1. Introduced 'Residents Only Parking At Any Time' in Causeway, Rowley Regis.

The Order was made on 17th December 2013, and will come into operation on 23rd December 2013.

A copy of the draft Order, a statement of reasons for making the Order and maps showing the roads affected may be examined at the offices of the Area Director of Street Scene, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE between the hours of 9am - 5.30pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9am - 5pm on Fridays. Plans are also available to view on the council's website.

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BETHANY 25yr old blonde, slim size 10 with great personality, looking for nice guy to share my life with, single dad welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408253

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FEMALE many interests, seeks male, 40-55 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408537

28YR old female, seeking male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408639

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MARK 44, 6ft, dark hair, businessman, interesting, seeking sporty female for meals out, day trips, country walks etc. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408571

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MATURE land owner, GSOH, youthful outlook, likes countryside, socialising, history, seeks lady who appreciates good food/conversation with view to relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408417

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Victory for swimmers in the last of rounds

National League Round 3 SWIMMERS from Halesowen Swimming Club travelled to Worcester for the final round of the West Midlands National League Premier Division.

The swimmers were looking to return to winning ways and after the opening relay events had opened up a five point gap to the other teams.

The gala was never going to be easy and at the halfway point Halesowen were still in contention but five points behind first spot but, after a strong run of results, the team were back in the lead by 10 points with just the final relays to go.

The swimmers ran out winners overall by 11 points to finish 2013 in fine style.

Stars of the show were double event winners Kate Morrice in the butterfly and freestyle; James Cuthbert in the breaststroke and butterfly and Richard Spoor in the breaststroke and individual medley.

Other individual winners were Chloe Finch and Josh Bradley in the freestyle and Mark Laing in the breaststroke.

The age 13 and under boys team including Jakob Baker, Jamie Greenwood and Jack Simpson won the medley relay and the open mens team including Zach Collins, Jacob Darby, Michael Edmonds were unbeatable in both freestyle and medley relays.

Kennett for Brummies

BIRMINGHAM have snapped up Great Britain international Edward Kennett for the 2014 season.

Kennett, who says Perry Barr is one of his favourite tracks, spent last season with Swindon but a lack of regular racing affected his form.

Now he's hoping a switch to the Selco Brummies will give his career a boost and he will double-up with Premier League Rye House.

He wants to help his new club reach the play-offs for a third successive season.

He said: "Birmingham did really well last year finishing top of the league, and it would be nice if we can have another good season."

Saxons exorcise ghost of snow defeat

Bromsgrove 7
Stourbridge Saxons 41

AN error-strewn affair at Pinstall Park exorcised the ghost of Bromsgrove's snow-bound victory back in January.

The game produced a bonus point win that keeps the Saxons very much in the four-way race at the top of National 2 North. Wing Nathan Bressington's hat-trick further extended his record to 59 tries in club colours.

An early rash of Bromsgrove tackle and maul infringements were penalised and flanker Dave

Hughes was handed a yellow card.

The Saxons pack worked a catch and drive, shunting the depleted defenders over the line for Nigel Mukarati to make the opening score.

Ben Hughes was next to drive over and score.

Mukarati broke right from the base of the scrum and passed to Sione Tu'ipolotu who cut through the defence to score.

Tom Jarvis then sold fullback Ollie Bache an outrageous dummy and waltzed over to score

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the bonus point try. Hughes returned from the sinbin to galvanise a Bromsgrove side staring at a heavy defeat.

At the same time the Saxons got on the wrong side of Mr Watters and conceded a sequence of six penalties.

Ben Barkley secured the ball and drove through several defenders, it was worked quickly right to Dipple whose long cut-out pass found Dan Thompson.

He executed a simple draw and

give to Jarvis, and with the cover struggling to get across Bressington gratefully accepted a scoring pass to touch down in the right corner.

A lineout in the Saxons' 22, gave the hosts a penalty try when Mike Hill's side entry disrupted a driving maul.

The visitors struck back when Bressington again outpaced the defence and scored from just inside his own half.

With Saxons a man down due to a yellow card the hosts couldn't make the man advantage pay.

White's return heralded a high-tempo last 10 minutes that saw the penalty flow reversed as the hosts shipped five.

A quick tap deep in Bromsgrove's 22 set up Bressington's third try as White's long floated pass allowed him to canter in at the corner in the dying seconds.

Coach Mike Umaga said: "We started well but seemed to lose our way during the game, we achieved dominance in most areas but got on the wrong side of the referee for much of the time, it was deeply frustrating."

High five as ladies win through to next round

Halesowen Ladies 5 **Wednesfield 0**

THE Yeltz squad faced Wednesfield in the county cup, the visitors are three leagues above them in the Regional Premier so it was going to be a tough game for the home side.

However, in the past the better the opposition the more Halesowen raise their game. Playing with a strong wind across the pitch Halesowen got at the visitors and took the game to them.

With the strong powerful midfield pairing of Sarah Hamill and Tracey Haycock the home side were giving nothing away, some great work on the wing by Haycock found Hayley Chatwin unmarked and with a controlled take down placed the ball past the stranded keeper.

Within five minutes the home side were two up with Katie Moore driving the ball into the roof of the net. Chloe Harris scored a deserved goal late on in the half with Sophie Richards showing the visitors how Halesowen wingers play. Half time came with Halesowen having most of the control of the game.

Second half and Wednesfield with nothing to lose came at the Yeltz side, the tackles were crunching and it was no place for the faint hearted.

After a free kick placed in to the Visitors defence the ball was headed out found Shel Thomas and 30 yards out smashed the ball

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back in to the open goal making it 4-0 on 60 minutes.

Wednesfield did huff and puff but the outstanding centre backs of Gemma Moss and Charlotte Byatt of the Yeltz and one of the best in the league kept them at bay.

Goal of the game came late on in the game a corner of Harris was headed clear but with the ball falling, Haycock on the volley scored a perfect goal in which any premiership striker would have been proud of.

Manager Scott McKee said: "On paper Wednesfield should have won the game, but the ladies were on point in commitment passion and pride.

"We were the better side from start to finish and deserved to be into the quarter finals.

"With some fantastic goals, we looked very strong and im proud of the squad," he added.



Sophie Richards in action for the Yeltz Ladies during their 5-0 win over higher league Wednesfield

Hicklin's double is trouble for the Hawks

Halas Hawks Ladies 1
Stourbridge Ladies 3

STOURBRIDGE made the short trip to Premier League Halas Hawks in the second round of the League Cup.

Despite being two divisions lower than their neighbours, Stourbridge pressed from the off and were unlucky to have a goal ruled offside.

Stourbridge kept up the pressure and were rewarded when a Katie McBain effort was sliced into the goal by a Halas defender.

One up at the break and with the slope in their favour Stourbridge continued the second half in similar style.

Charlie Hicklin doubled the lead with a low shot that beat the keeper at the near post and now Stourbridge were totally in control, reducing Halas to long range efforts.

However, Stourbridge failed to kill the game. The obvious then happened when Stourbridge failed to clear their lines and Halas halved the deficit.

Stourbridge responded with further attacks and the game was settled when Hicklin struck again.

The ladies are now top of the league and have an unbeaten run of 11 games.

Old Hales take charge in friendly

Halesonians 2nds 17
Bournville 2nds 12

OLD Halesonians Seconds welcomed Bournville Seconds to Wassell Grove for a friendly game in extremely blustery conditions.

Towards the end of the first half, Bournville pressed the Old Hales line and finally broke through to score a converted try.

Old Hales came out for the second half with more purpose and wing Simon Sabel who ran 60 metres to score under the posts.

Tom Harris converting the score.

Harris then slotted away a penalty kick.

Alex Church then scored under the posts, again Harris converted.

Bournville's second row struck back and squeezed over for a try.

The conversion attempt was charged down by a determined Andy Holloway to secure a 17-12 win for Old Hales.

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An ill wind blows no good for visitors

**Coventry Sphinx 2
Tipton Town 0**

A BITING gale force westerly wind blew incessantly but Sphinx adapted to the conditions the better of the two sides and it was Tipton who were made to feel the chill.

The home side opened their account with a stunning strike by Ash Wilkes who, with the gale at his back, launched a spectacular volley from near the right touchline to beat Pemberton.

Tipton resumed after the break with the wind at their backs, but their hopes nose-dived when they fell 2-0 down in the 50th minute.

Their defence got pulled out of position and Kiam Gladins drove the ball home.

Thereafter, Connor Gator responded for the visitors with a goalworthy effort turned aside with difficulty by Carl O'Neill.

Lee Wherton excelled in the 71st minute, launching a ball-winning tackle on Wilkes as Sphinx pressed.

Sphinx went desperately close to a third goal seven minutes from time when substitute Aden Moore cut in from the left wing and arrowed his drive only just wide of the visitors' post.

In the final moments Danny Ashton twice went close for Tipton, lobbing just over the top following a corner kick and seconds later firing inches wide.

Warning to the slackers

HARDLINE Kenny Jackett has warned Wolves slackers Bakary Sako and Leigh Griffiths he will not tolerate another display like Saturday's as he declared the battle is on for their places.

The Molineux head coach also insisted he hasn't thought about cashing in on Sako in January and backed the winger to return to form. Jackett accused his top scorers of a lack of workrate after hauling both off at half-time of the 2-0 defeat by MK Dons.

"Sako and Griffiths have got to respond in the right way," said Jackett.

"They can't put in a first 45 minutes like they did because it wasn't enough."

"They have to work harder because I was disappointed in what they did and they know their standards have to be kept up."

Asked if Sako's place is under threat, Jackett said: "I'll see how he responds."

Loss of identity led to loss of Baggies boss



Steve Clarke - sacked

STEVE CLARKE can call on some high-powered testimonials as to the quality of his work.

Five-star managers, former and current internationals - all have been unanimous about Clarke's abilities, certainly as a coach.

But the axe has fallen in support of one of the game's oldest adages. All teams eventually assume the personality of the man at the helm and under their quiet and undemonstrative head coach, Albion had become anonymous.

Like the names Clarke can put on

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his CV, the Baggies have an impressive roster, by easy consent their most impressive of the Premier League era.

But they have become neither one thing nor the other in a year of deepening decline; all the glitter on paper when it needs to be on the pitch.

After one-and-a-half seasons, it is difficult to know what Clarke's Albion stand for, what their identity is. He certainly never seemed to

settle on a best team. They have an array of attacking weaponry, but struggle to score goals. The stylish, possession-based passing football now comes only in fits and starts.

A defence that was the basis of his predecessor's success, has lost its certainty. Albion don't surrender meekly, but neither do they take games by the scruff of the neck.

In the eyes of supporters, Clarke was a reactive manager and not proactive, a man who seemed to approach games making sure he didn't lose it before he tried to win it.

There have been times in the club's Premier League story when that would have been acceptable - but not when he has such an impressive array of offensive talent at his disposal.

All of this has combined to cost him his place and when the brutality of the moment has passed the 50-year-old Scot with the blue chip contacts book may view his first spell in charge as a missed opportunity.

He wanted to preach caution still when The Hawthorns was primed for greater adventure.

Hales end on top in close call

Newport 23 Old Hales 29
OLD Halesonians travelled to Shropshire for a close fought rugby game that seemed to favour the better prepared home side.

This was to be a hard fought battle with the lead changing several times during the game.

After nine minutes Hales fly half Steve Powell converted a penalty to lead 0-3.

Pressure by the home side was rewarded by Hales giving a penalty to Newport to even things up.

Shortly after Newport again forced another penalty.

Joe Oxford who took on his opposite number in his usual railroad manner for a great try.

Five minutes later Newport were again looking stronger in maul and ruck which resulted in a converted pushover try.

A Newport handling error gave the ball to Hales and Luke Smith sprinted for a try. Newport again came back with a try, converted for a 20 to 17 lead.

Powell then scored for Hales. After 65 minutes Newport got their final points through a penalty.

A driving maul led by Tom Jordan saw him secure a well deserved try which Powell converted.

Glassboys bounce back with seven

Stourbridge 7 Frome Town 0
AFTER two successive defeats in the league, Stourbridge bounced back in style to crush their opponents from Somerset with Sean Geddes grabbing a hat-trick.

Other goals came from Luke Benbow, Kayelden Brown in the second half in the dying moments of the game Will Richards made it six and Jamie Oliver seven.

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SEVEN UP FOR YELTZZ AS VISITORS SEE RED

Halesowen 1 Sutton Coldfield 0

HALESOWEN grabbed another three points with a winner 15 minutes from time to make it seven wins from the same number of games.

Visitors Sutton Coldfield were given two red cards in the space of five minutes to end the game with nine men.

The game had a quiet start and both sides had little chances at goal, but on the 25 minute mark, Aaron Griffiths found space on the left wing and he cut inside the Sutton defence to send the ball towards goal, but it went just wide.

Sutton had a chance of their own as Mark Danks hit a cross into the box and Daryl Taylor produced a cheeky back-heel shot that also went past the post.

Closing

The game sparked into life in the closing stages of the half as a corner flew into the box and Aaron Griffiths was the first to get his head to the ball. Again, it went wide.

Halesowen nearly claimed the lead just before half-time as Neil Mackenzie hit a swirling shot which Lee Evans managed to knock the ball past the post.

The final chance of the first half came from Sutton as Danks hit a looping ball towards goal which went over the top of the bar.

The second half started with Sutton going forward as Danks kept threatening the Halesowen defence hitting an off-target shot from a tight angle.

Yeltz began to attack as Jean-Michel Gueyies hit a shot from inside the box, but the ball flew over. At the

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other end, Sutton were getting closer to goal as Stuart McNaughton hit a 20-yard shot, which Matt Sargeant saved.

Halesowen were having a fair amount of chances as well, as Tom Tonks threw a long ball into the box which landed in front of Joe Hull who blasted the ball over.

With 15 minutes left, Halesowen took the lead as Gueyies swung a corner into the box and Hull was the fastest to react as he tapped the ball past goalkeeper Evans and into the net.

Five minutes later, ex-Yeltz player Scott Lycett was the first to be sent off.

A second red card was given to Sutton, as Lee Parsons was dismissed and manager Neil Tooth was sent to the stands.

The final chance came from Halesowen as Neil Mackenzie hit a long free-kick towards goal but it was easily gathered by Evans.

Halesowen: Matt Sargeant, Kristian Green, Asa Charlton, Neil Mackenzie, Joseph Hull, Curtis Titt, Jean Gueyies, Tom Tonks, Iyseden Christie, Kyle Patterson, Aaron Griffiths. **Subs:** Brendan Kelly, Avon Jephcott, Matt Martin, Nigel Penney, Sam Pearson.

Sutton: Lee Evans, Scott Lycett, Matt Jackson, Lee Parsons, Joel Kettle, Phillip Male, Daryl Taylor (Reece Leek), Stuart McNaughton, Gary Hay (Martin Thompson) (Charlie Anagho-Nitarni), Mark Danks, Luke Chapman.

Unused Subs: Jake Murrell, Joe Lyng.

Ladies fire their way into the next round of cup



Tracy Haycock heading for goal for Halesowen Ladies in their game against Wednesfield - full report inside

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TALL curvy female, 36dd, loves music, looking for fun and romance with dark male. Give me a call. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 359238

VIVACIOUS strawberry blonde who knows just what she wants, wants down to earth caring male for spontaneous fun relationship. 35-69. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 366707

35YR old female, seeks intelligent, down to earth male, 50-75 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 388297

FEMALE looking for gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 378295

MANDY 36, size 10 but busty, looking for discreet relationship with open-minded man. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 360317

CLAUDIA 37yr old attractive single mum who has been unlucky in love looking for special male to make me feel gorgeous again. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 390991

JANE 48yrs West Midlands, likes meals out, cinema, theatre, looking for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403949

BLACK female 32yrs, 38dd, very curvy, sensual and looking for discreet fun with no strings or complications, any age, looks or status. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 405269

MARIA petite curvy brunette, into keep fit, running, beauty, looking for nice genuine tall N/S guy with no ties for fun adult companionship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 405099

SHAZ 33 easygoing voluptuous black female with lovely smile and personality to match, loves music, keeping fit and looking good, WLTm appreciative guy Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404819

WOMAN 55yrs old, N/S, size 14, likes animals, nature, reading, TV, quiet life, seeks man 45-55, N/S for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404447

WIDOW young hearted 70's, N/S, likes reading, concerts, gardening, meals out, WLTm younger gentleman with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404177

ELIZABETH 33, curvy attractive blonde, likes walking, socialising, meals out, entertaining, WLTm well educated nice male 50-60's for fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403937

BROADMINDED 42yr old male, GSOH, caring, loving good personality seeks female for fun friendship, relationship and adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404623

MATURE male, lonely, no ties, attractive, likes TV, reading, walks, holidays, meals out, seeks attractive, smart female, 65-72 to share simple things in life. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408183

MAURICE Shropshire farmer, 43, seeks farming lady of any age to share the good things in life with view to LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 374021

YOUNG looking 50's male, seeking female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408177

MALE 58, good looking, placid, seeks honest, loyal, caring female with view to becoming soul mates. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 400313

SINGLE male, youthful, serene, seeks similar down to earth non materialistic female to become everlasting soul mates. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407711

CHRIS divorced, 55, smoker, seeks female, 30-45 for lasting relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407715

GENUINE good looking male, 39, WLTm genuine, pretty female, 24-42 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407753

SHY 60yr old male, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407847

32YR old slim, dark haired, adventurous, creative, likes music, cycling and photography, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 352753

JEFF 60's, 6ft 2ins, fit, seeking lady, mid 50-60's for friendship/relationship, nights in/out and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407811

ROMANCE wanted in Nuneaton. 5ft 10ins, medium build male, 41, seeking a relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 406683

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gaming, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 388372

TONY 55, dark hair, 6ft, confident, outgoing, seeks mature, attractive female, 68 plus, genuine ad. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408989

FUN loving male, 47, lots to give, looking for genuine lady for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409159

GENT 55, slightly mad, but not bad, will make you glad you answered his ad! Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408973

TALL intelligent, professional fit guy, 50's, athletic, seeks good natured, intelligent female, 50-57 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408991

LONELY male, 55, seeks Indian/Jamaican female, 25 plus for sincere relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408957

ATTRACTIVE male, 55, seeks older female, 50-70 for close adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397189

MARK 44, 6ft, dark hair, businessman, interesting, seeking sporty female for meals out, day trips, country walks etc. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408571

FUN loving male, 5ft 10ins, slim, GSOH, seeks mature female, 50-65 for meals out and daytime relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408185

JIMMY 53 good looking, fit, genuine, honest, very loving and looking for the same in a woman. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391757

JOHN 59, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, seeks lady, 45-55, likes meals out and in. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403273

TIM easygoing honest male, discreet, uninhibited, seeks similar non conformist averagely attractive, N/S female up to 65. Notts. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 375065

GENT 48, youthful outlook, likes countryside, keep fit, karaoke, seeks soul mate for fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408411

MATURE land owner, GSOH, youthful outlook, likes countryside, socialising, history, seeks lady who appreciates good food/conversation with view to relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408417



COLIN 5ft 8ins, dark hair, brown eyes, likes pubs, walks, DVDs, holidays, seeks nice lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 406677

SINGLE gent 71 young at heart, fit and active, OHAC, seeks similar aged lady for companionship, shared interests and possible ltr. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 406463

63YR old gent, N/S, easy going, likes DIY, seeks female, 45-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 406605

ARE you a black princess? 48yr old sporty white male, 5ft 11ins, likes holidays, cinema, meals out, would like to take you out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 406551

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